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AHHH, BELOVED AND LUDICROUS...
EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE TOLD YOU COULDN'T GET BACK INTO EDEN IF YOU PARTOOK OF IT...
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO EAT THAT FRUIT?
OH, FOOLISH CHILDREN ...

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RUMI
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ゴゴゴ...
HONESTLY... HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO KEEP WHINING ABOUT IT?
WE GAVE YOU PLENTY OF TIME. NOW BE A GOOD SPORT...
...AND RETURN THE WISDOM, WOULD YOU?
I-I CAN STILL...!!
BATTLE
HA!!
ALL ON YOUR OWN, YOU CAN DO WHAT?
AND WITH...

URK...
...THOSE LEGS!!
AS A FORMER COLLEAGUE, I AM LOATH TO DO THIS...
. BUT IT'S AN ORDER FROM ABOVE, YOU SEE.
RUSTLE
SNAP
FORGIVE ME, MY FRIEND...
I WILL HAVE TO TAKE YOUR HEAD, AS IT CONTAINS THAT WISDOM !!!
NO...
DON'T DO IT!!
NOOOOOOOO
SLASH

TOO HOT!!
SPLASH
HEY, IVAN!!
WE'RE NOT GONNA FINALLY GET TO THE TOP AND BE LIKE "OOPS WRONG PLACE "W ARE WE?
DRAG DRAG
BECAUSE IF THAT'S THE PUNCH LINE, I'M GONNA JUMP...
ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE MAN WITH THE 37TH WISDOM IS HERE IN DIAMANTE.
THE SOURCE OF THIS INFO IS IMPECCABLE ...
...SO...

...SHUT YOUR MOUTH AND CLIMB.
...WHATEVER YOU SAY.
YIKES...
AS ALWAYS, THAT LOOK OF YOURS GIVES ME THE HEEBIE-JEEBIES, SO.
MM?
LISTEN TO THAT COMMOTION HAVE WE FOUND OUR MAN ALREADY?
YOU KNOW YOU WANT IT!!
PLEASE LET GO OF ME!!!
NO...

...IT SEEMS WE'VE JUST STUMBLED UPON A COUPLE OF RUFFIANS LIKE YOU MIGHT FIND ANYWHERE.
WE JUST WANT TO HAVE A GOOD TIME WITH YOU
BUT I'M NOT INTER-ESTED!
OOH, SHE'S COMELY EVEN WHEN SHE'S PER-TURBED!
ANYWAY, WE DON'T WANT ATTENTION HERE, SO LET'S NOT GET INVOLVED ...
MAN, THAT'S COLD!!
AND WHOSE FAULT IS THAT!? YOU STICK OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB EVERY TIME WE GO OUT...
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
SLAP
WAAA-AAAH!
I'M TALKING TO YOU!!!
AAAA-AAH!
...
PLEASE GET OUT OF MY WAY!
SQUEEZE
THAT'S NOT VERY NICE WE JUST WANT TO SHOW YOU A GOOD TIME...
I'M ASKING YOU TO LET GO OF ME...!!
THAT'S RIGHT!
WE CAN PROTECT YOU BETTER THAN YOUR OLD MAN'S USELESS AMULET!
GYAHHAHAHA!

DON'T YOU DARE BELITTLE MY FATHER !!!
HUH?
STING
SLAP
KNOCK IT OFF, YOU TWO!!
GRAB
!
THINK YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH THAT, HUH!?!
GRAB
WENCH!!! ACTING SO DAINTY, LIKE YOU'RE BETTER THAN US!!
OW
AAAH!
WHUMP
CRACK
GET LOST...
...PUNK !!!
GRAB
WHAT !?

ENA!!
!!?

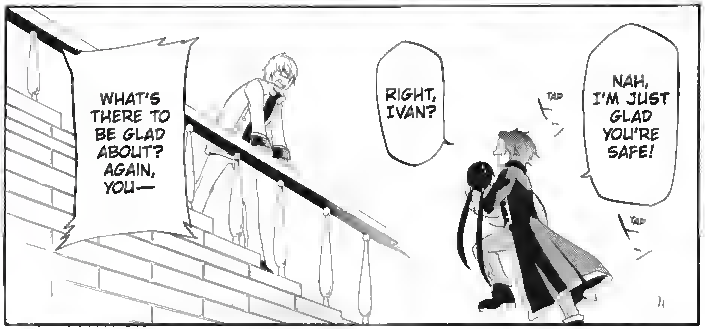
ENA!!!
RUSTLE
ENA!
DASH
W-WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!
!
TAP
WHAT THE HELL...?
IVAN!! LEND ME WISDOM !!!
DAMMIT. CAN'T...
WHOOSH
CATCH HER AT THIS RATE
OX!!
SWISH

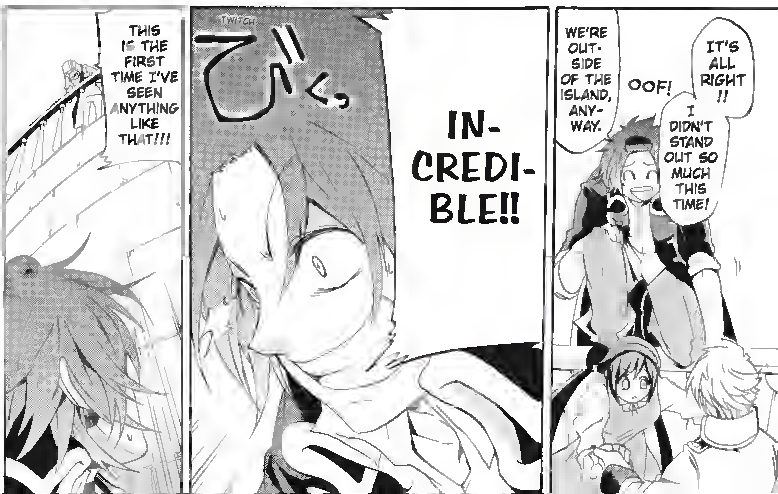
UNKNOWN NUMBER 65: WINGS OF A HERO, ICARUS—
RUSTLE
REMEMBER IT YOURSELF...

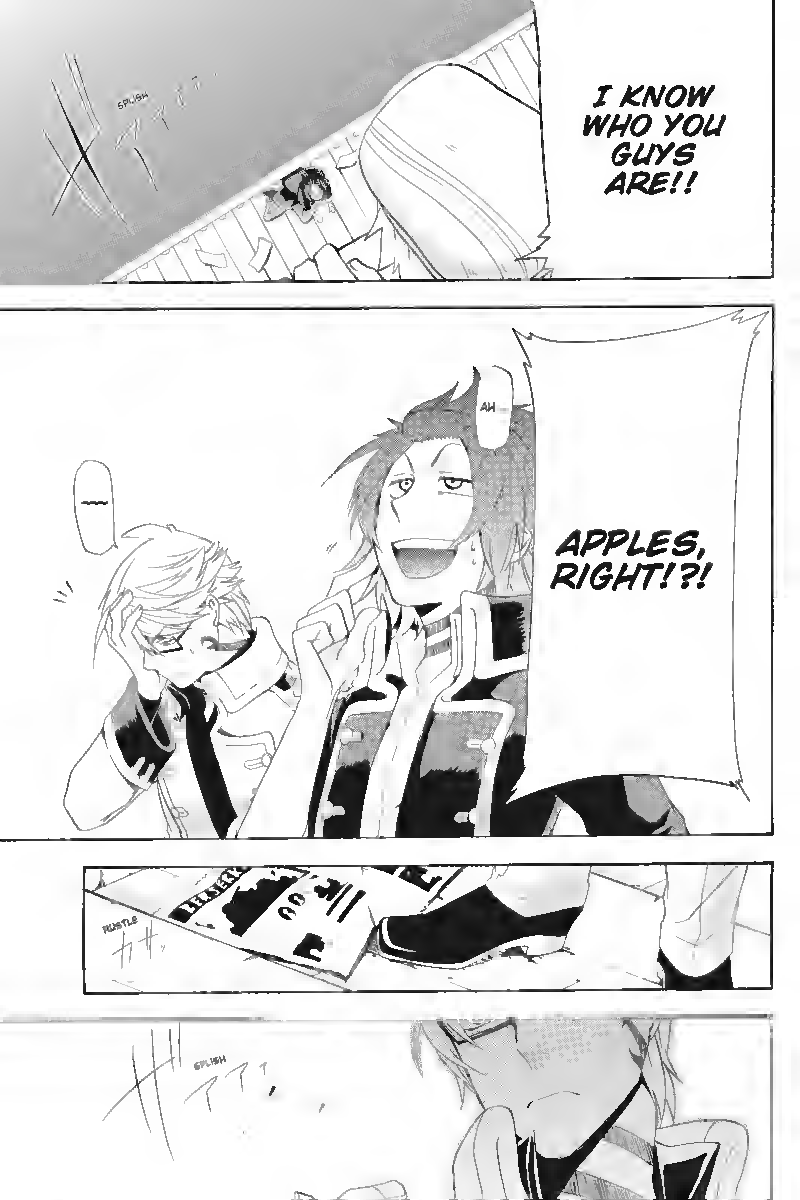
GRAB
TAP
TAP
TAP
WALK ON PARTICLES IN THE AIR AS IF THEY'RE STEPPING-STONES!
YOU USE IT LIKE YOU'RE WALKING ON SOLID GROUND.
FWOO

WHUMP
THAT WAS CLOSE! ARE YOU OKAY??
SAFE!!
LUCKY FOR YOU! YOU DIDN'T GO UNDER
OH!
UH...

...THANK...
...YOU.

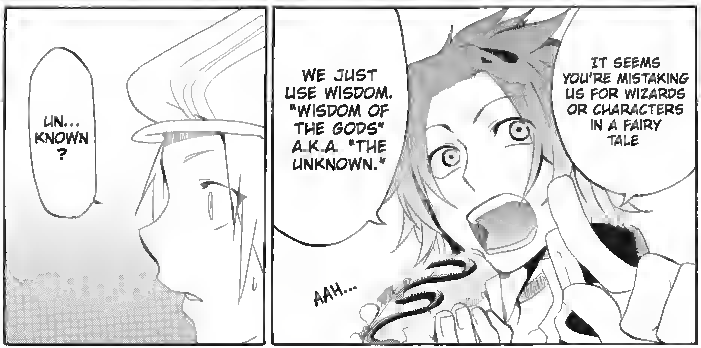

NAH, I'M JUST GLAD YOU'RE SAFE!
TAP
RIGHT, IVAN?
TAP
WHAT'S THERE TO BE GLAD ABOUT? AGAIN, YOU—

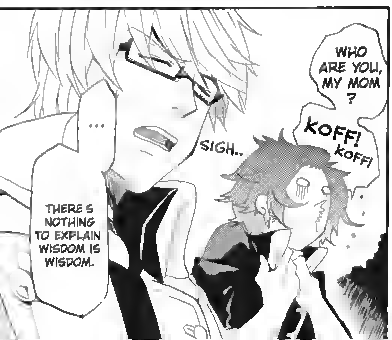

IT'S ALL RIGHT!!
OOF!
I DIDN'T STAND OUT SO MUCH THIS TIME!
WE'RE OUTSIDE OF THE ISLAND, ANYWAY.
IN-CREDI-BLE!!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT!!!


SPLISH
I KNOW WHO YOU GUYS ARE!!
AH...
APPLES, RIGHT!?!
RUSTLE
SPLISH

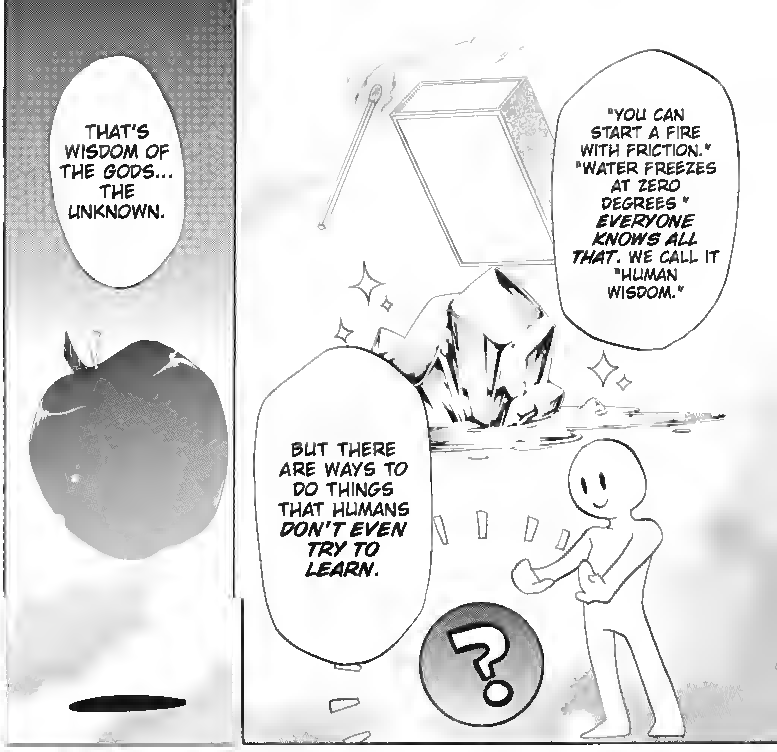
WOW!
FOOD
THAT WAS MOVING!!! YOU REALLY ARE A HERO!!
HERE, THIS IS ON ME! EAT UP!!
REALLY!? PERFECT TIMING! I'M SUPER-HUNGRY! THANK YOU!
...
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING..?
OH, I SHOULD HAVE INTRO-DUCED MYSELF!
I'M THIS ISLAND'S COURIER, NIKE! PLEASURE TO MEET YOU!
AND WHAT ARE YOUR NAMES?
I'M OX!
IVAN.
OX AND IVAN! THANK YOU FOR SAVING ENA-CHAN!
THANK YOU.
NOT AT ALL.
!!!
BUT I STILL CAN'T GET OVER HOW AMAZING YOU WISEMEN ARE! YOU'RE CALLED APPLES, RIGHT?
RUSTLE

I BET IT'S LIKE THE RUMORS SAY, YOU GUYS CAN DO ANYTHING BY USING "WISDOM OF THE GODS", RIGHT?
SHOW ME ANOTHER TRICK!! LIKE SHOOT FIREBALLS OR MAKE LIGHTNING COME DOWN!!
MMM...

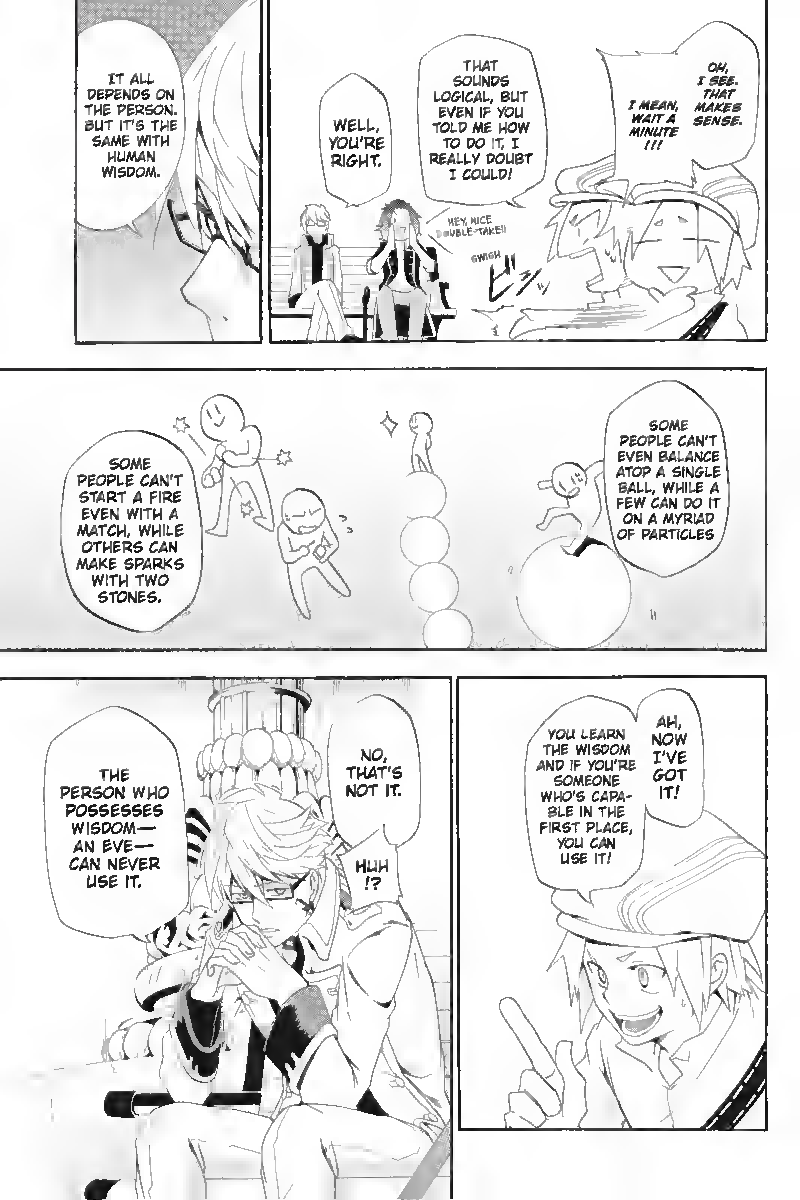

IT SEEMS YOU'RE MISTAKING US FOR WIZARDS OR CHARACTERS IN A FAIRY TALE
WE JUST USE WISDOM. "WISDOM OF THE GODS" A.K.A. "THE UNKNOWN."
AAH...
UN... KNOWN ?



SFX: MUNCH MUNCH

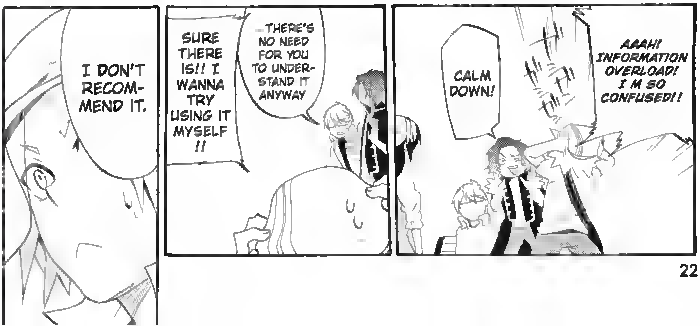

THAT'S WISDOM OF THE GODS... THE UNKNOWN.
"YOU CAN START A FIRE WITH FRICTION." "WATER FREEZES AT ZERO DEGREES." *EVERYONE KNOWS ALL THAT.* WE CALL IT "HUMAN WISDOM."
BUT THERE ARE WAYS TO DO THINGS THAT HUMANS *DON'T EVEN TRY TO LEARN.*
?

ALL OX DID WAS FOLLOW A SET METHOD.
WHAT YOU SAW BEFORE, "ICARUS," IS REALLY JUST RIDING AIR PARTICLES WITH PARTICULARLY GOOD BALANCE.
SQUEEZE


IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE PERSON. BUT IT'S THE SAME WITH HUMAN WISDOM.
WELL, YOU'RE RIGHT.
THAT SOUNDS LOGICAL, BUT EVEN IF YOU TOLD ME HOW TO DO IT, I REALLY DOUBT I COULD!
HEY, NICE DOUBLE-TAKE!!
GWIGH
I MEAN, WAIT A MINUTE !!!
OH, I SEE. THAT MAKES SENSE.
SOME PEOPLE CAN'T START A FIRE EVEN WITH A MATCH, WHILE OTHERS CAN MAKE SPARKS WITH TWO STONES.
SOME PEOPLE CAN'T EVEN BALANCE ATOP A SINGLE BALL, WHILE A FEW CAN DO IT ON A MYRIAD OF PARTICLES
THE PERSON WHO POSSESSES WISDOM— AN EVE— CAN NEVER USE IT.
NO, THAT'S NOT IT.
HUH !?
YOU LEARN THE WISDOM AND IF YOU'RE SOMEONE WHO'S CAPABLE IN THE FIRST PLACE, YOU CAN USE IT!
AH, NOW I'VE GOT IT!

WELL, TO PUT IT SIMPLY...
AND ONLY THAT PERSON, THE ADAM, CAN USE THE WISDOM.
INSTEAD, EVE GIVES PERMISSION TO A DESIGNATED PERSON TO USE IT.
EVE
ADAM
OK

SPX. SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH

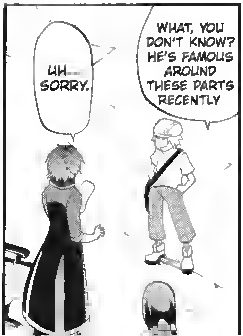

I DON'T RECOM-MEND IT.
SURE THERE IS!! I WANNA TRY USING IT MYSELF !!
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO UNDER-STAND IT ANYWAY
CALM DOWN!
AAAH! INFORMATION OVERLOAD! I M SO CONFUSED!!

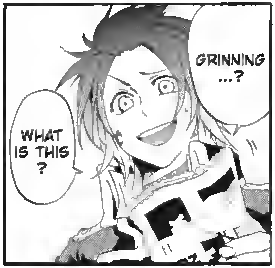
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE EXPELLED FROM EDEN...
...YOU WON'T PARTAKE OF IT.
...WHAT THE HECK IS THAT!?
STRICTLY SPEAKING, GODLY KNOWLEDGE IS FORBIDDEN FRUIT...
IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE EATEN BY HUMANS...
...
BUT ...
...THAT WISDOM SAVED ME.
SO WHETHER IT'S FORBIDDEN OR NOT, I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU TWO.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
YIKES! I ALMOST FORGOT !!
IN FACT I'M SORRY...A LOT OF THE NEWSPAPERS YOU WERE MEANT TO DELIVER FELL INTO THE SEA...
AH! NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
AH!!
O-OH, I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING..
OF COURSE I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU TOO NIKE! THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS HELPING ME

HUH!?
SWISH
LOOK AT THIS, YOU TWO!!

BERSERKER
HE'S ON THE LOOSE!!
THE GRINNING BERSERKER!!!

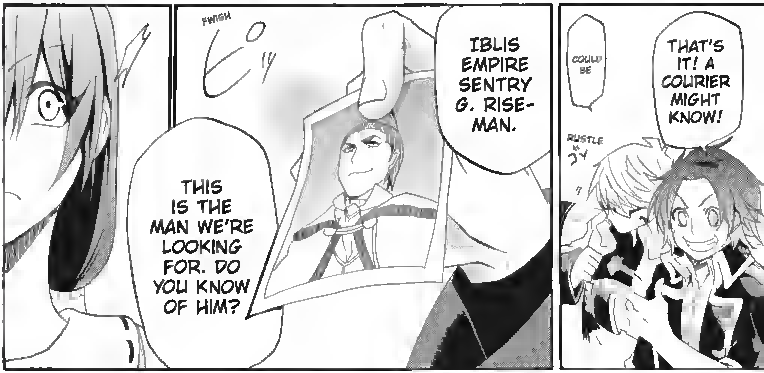
WELL, THE GIST OF IT IS HE'S A HOMICIDAL MANIAC WHO ONLY TARGETS APPLES


UH... SORRY.
WHAT, YOU DON'T KNOW? HE'S FAMOUS AROUND THESE PARTS RECENTLY

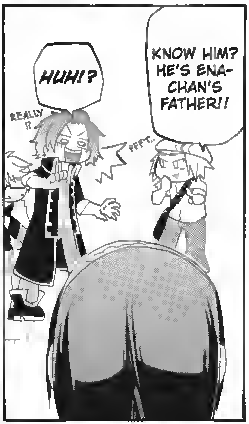

GRINNING ...?
WHAT IS THIS ?

THIS KILLER SEEMS TO HAVE A SCREW LOOSE BECAUSE HE APPARENTLY HAS THIS BIG GRIN ON HIS FACE AS HE MURDERS HIS VICTIMS!
THAT'S HOW HE GOT THE MONIKER "GRINNING BERSERKER"
HE RECENTLY MURDERED TWO MEN ON A NEIGHBORING ISLAND, CUT THEIR HEADS CLEAN OFF!!
HUH... SOUNDS LIKE A DANGEROUS CHARACTER.
HEADS...
OH, THAT'S NOT EVEN THE WORST PART.
YEAH! THE HEADLESS BODIES OF TWO MEN WERE FOUND ON THE ROCKS BELOW.
IT WAS ALL THE BERSERKER'S M.O. NO HEADS, TIME OF DEATH, AND THE LOCATION OF THE BODIES...
HUH!? THIS ISLAND TOO!?
AND THEN HE APPEARED ON THIS ISLAND!

YES, WELL, WE NEED TO FIND THE PERSON WE'RE LOOKING FOR FIRST...
LOOKING FOR SOMEONE?
SO I KNOW YOU JUST GOT HERE AND ALL, BUT MY ADVICE IS TO LEAVE WHILE THE GETTING'S GOOD!
I TELL YOU, IT'S TERRIFY-ING.


THIS IS THE MAN WE'RE LOOKING FOR. DO YOU KNOW OF HIM?
FWISH
IBLIS EMPIRE SENTRY G. RISE-MAN.
COULD BE
RUSTLE
THAT'S IT! A COURIER MIGHT KNOW!

NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT... UM, MORE LIKE WE WANT TO TALK TO HIM.
MUTTER MUTTER
DO YOU KNOW MY FATHER?


HUH!?
REALLY!?
PFFC
KNOW HIM? HE'S ENA-CHAN'S FATHER!!

IS THAT RIGHT?

THEN LET ME TAKE YOU TO MY HOME.
I'M SURE MY FATHER WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR SAVING MY LIFE TOO.
IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU COULD COME TOO NIKE BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO DELIVER THE EVENING EDITION, DON'T YOU?
THAT'S RIGHT!
I'LL COME OVER LATER ON, AFTER I'M DONE!!
PAT
RIGHT I WANT
THAT WOULD BE A BIG HELP!!
SEE? HELPING PEOPLE IS GOOD!
SWISH
UM... WHAT YOU DID BEFORE REALLY WAS SO COOL!
OX!

THANKS A LOT!
YOU'RE WELCOME!
SQUEEZE

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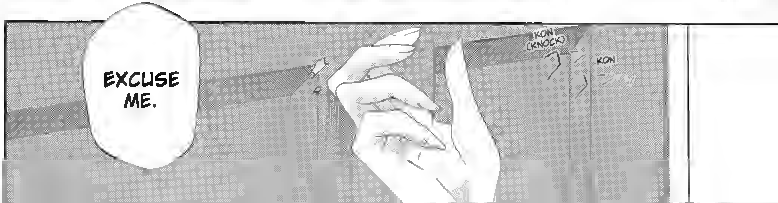
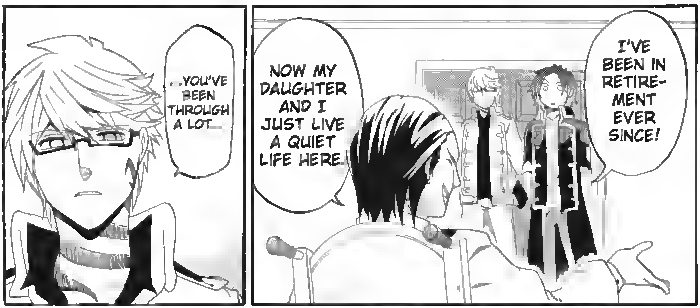
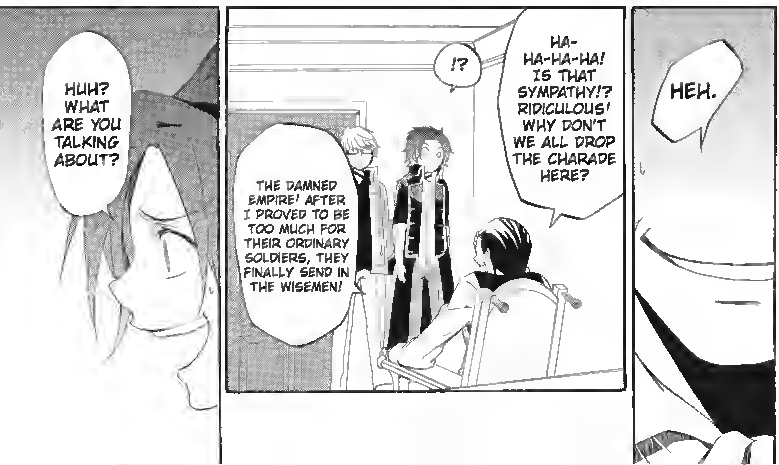

EXCUSE ME.
KON (KNOCK)
KON

I'M HOME. AND ALSO...
...YOU HAVE GUESTS AGAIN, FATHER.
CREAK
GUESTS ?
YES. THEY'RE APPLES
...AND THEY HAVE BUSINESS WITH YOU.
...OH
WELCOME TO THIS FAR-FLUNG ISLAND, YOUNG GENTLEMEN.
I AM RISEMAN, THE OWNER OF THIS MANSE.

SHUT
...
BOW
THESE GENTLEMEN ACTUALLY SAVED MY LIFE IN TOWN...
OH INDEED!? THEN I OWE YOU THANKS, MY KIND SIRS.
ENA, WOULD YOU PUT ON A POT OF TEA?
OF COURSE.
WELL, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE MET ANY APPLES. I SUPPOSE THE LAST TIME WAS BACK AT THE CAPITAL
WE HEARD YOU WERE AN IBLIS SENTRY, RISEMAN-SAN.
INDEED... UNTIL RECENTLY.
UNTIL RECENTLY?
WHAT, YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
ALTHOUGH I'M SURE YOU TWO CAN UNDER-STAND.

THE "DIVINE PUNISHMENT" FOR USING WISDOM...
...ROBBED ME OF MY LEGS, AS YOU CAN SEE.


I'VE BEEN IN RETIRE-MENT EVER SINCE!
NOW MY DAUGHTER AND I JUST LIVE A QUIET LIFE HERE.
...YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT...


HEH.
HA-HA-HA-HA! IS THAT SYMPATHY!? RIDICULOUS! WHY DON'T WE ALL DROP THE CHARADE HERE?
!?
THE DAMNED EMPIRE! AFTER I PROVED TO BE TOO MUCH FOR THEIR ORDINARY SOLDIERS, THEY FINALLY SEND IN THE WISEMEN!
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I THINK YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG IDEA BE-CAUSE WE'RE NOT HERE ON BEHALF OF THE EMPIRE...
W-WAIT A MINUTE!!
I WILL NOT BE FOOLED !!!

THIS... THIS POWER IS MINE...
I WILL NOT GIVE IT TO ANYONE ...
AND NO ONE SHALL STEAL IT!!

ALL OF YOU...
... THINK YOU CAN MOCK ME WITH IMPUNITY !!!

DON'T PLAY THE INNOCENT !!
LIKE THE OTHERS, YOU'RE HERE TO STEAL THE WISDOM FROM ME BECAUSE I'M AN EYESORE!!

I SEE.. WISEMEN ..!
HONESTLY, WE HAVE NO CONNECTION TO THE EMPIRE WE'RE JUST WISEMEN
HEY, NOW COULD YOU JUST CALM DOWN A SECOND?
HAHAHA!! AND WHAT A SIGN OF THE GODS' GRACE THAT IS!!
...YOU ALSO POSSESS THE WISDOM OF THE GODS!!
THAT'S IT!! IN OTHER WORDS...
!?
DO IT, ENA!!!
SWISH
WHOA
IN THAT CASE, I SHALL BE TAKING YOUR WISDOM AND WILL USE IT TO WIPE AWAY ALL THE SMUGNESS FROM THE EMPIRE THAT MADE A FOOL OF ME!!

SLASH
HUH ...?

PHOO
.. EVEN IF THEY ARE MY SAVIORS ...
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO BELITTLE FATHER...

!?

YOU ARE GOING TO...
...A WATERY GRAVE, LIKE THE OTHERS BEFORE YOU.
HEY.. DON'T TELL ME...
...THE HEADLESS CORPSES FOUND ON THE ROCKS...
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
THAT'S RIGHT!
IT WORKED OUT PERFECTLY WITH THAT GRINNING BERSERKER ON THE LOOSE!
ALL WE HAD TO DO WAS CHOP OFF THEIR HEADS AND EVERYONE AUTOMATICALLY BLAMED THE SERIAL KILLER! HIS PRESENCE WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!
HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!!
HA...

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
HAAA... SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS...

...THERE WERE RUMORS ON AN ISLAND WHERE WE'D NEVER BEEN!!
HA HA HA HA HA HA
NO WONDER...

DON'T TELL ME... YOU'RE THE REAL...
...GRINNING BERSERKER !!
WHOOSH
UNKNOWN NUMBER 37!!
GUIDANCE OF THE POLAR GOD, COEUS—
HA!! THAT DOESN'T CHANGE MY PLANS AT ALL!

WHOOSH
FOR THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS, THE BODY BECOMES AS HARD AS STEEL AND, WHEN FACING NORTH OR SOUTH...
...ALSO HAS THE ABILITY TO MANIPULATE MAGNETIC FORCES AS DESIRED!!!
WHUMP
GRAB
YIKES!
THAT'S DANGER-OUS!! WHAT THE HELL!?
HEY, IVAN!!
FOR STARTERS, DO SOME-THING ABOUT MY ARM!!
THD
UN-KNOWN NUMBER 5:
DRAG
AID FROM THE GOD OF PROPHECY, APOLLO!

USING CONSCIOUS SELF-HEALING TO DIVIDE CELLS AND REGENERATE!
THE LOST PART WILL BE RESTORED TO ITS ORIGINAL FORM!!
WHAT...? YOUR ARM GREW BACK COMPLETELY!?
IF A LIZARD CAN DO IT, SO CAN A HUMAN!
IT CAN EVEN DO THAT... THE UNKNOWN TRULY IS WONDERFUL!!!
THEN IT'S ALSO POSSIBLE TO RESTORE MY LEGS!!
I DON'T REALLY GET THIS ABILITY...
PUSH
...BUT IF YOU'RE PULLING ME OVER, THAT MAKES IT EASIER TO HIT YOU TOO!!
SPRING
SWISH
HUH?
WHOOSH

SLIDE
SERI-OUSLY?
OUCH
I KNOW!
I MEAN, IVAN! DON'T JUST STAND THERE! DO YOUR JOB!!
SLAM
AND IT SEEMS THE MAGNETIC FIELD ONLY COMES OUT OF THE TIPS OF HER SWORDS... IN WHICH CASE...
BASED ON THE PARAMETERS OF THE ABILITY AND HER ATTACK PATTERN SO FAR, I ASSUME HER RIGHT SWORD COMMANDS ATTRACTING FORCE WHILE HER LEFT SWORD CONTROLS REPULSIVE POWER....
HUH?
GET RID OF YOUR SWORD, OX.

AS YOU CAN SEE, THAT WISDOM CREATES A MAGNETIC FIELD.
SO AS LONG AS YOU'RE NOT HOLDING THAT IRON PIG-STICKER, SHE SHOULDN'T HAVE MUCH POWER OVER YOU.
DASH
G-G-G-GO TO HELL!!
YOU WANT ME TO FIGHT HER UN-ARMED!? WHEN SHE'S GOT TWO...
...SWORDS !?
WHOOSH
TUG
SHOOT
TING
!
WOBB E

I HATE HITTING A GIRL WITH MY BARE HAND!!
SWISH
TCH!
FEINT!!
NOW IF I CAN JUST CONNECT WITH HER ANKLE...
...DOWN SHE GOES!!!
FWISH
HUH?

SLAM
HEH
!?
HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY IRON IN HIS SHOES... THEN HIS BODY...?
!
HIS BLOOD !?
YOU MIND EXPLAINING TO ME WHAT THAT WAS !?
SHE CAN STILL REPEL ME!

HIS BLOOD INDEED!! WHICH CONTAINS IRON!!
AS LONG AS YOU'VE GOT BLOOD FLOWING THROUGH YOUR VEINS...
...THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO AGAINST GUIDANCE OF THE POLAR GOD!!!
SO!!
SHALL WE END THIS!?
THIS IS ALL SO I CAN MAKE A COMEBACK ...
... AND...
...CHANGE THE WORLD WITH THESE VERY HANDS!!!
TWITCH

...WE WON'T LET YOU DESTROY THIS WORLD ANY MORE THAN IT ALREADY HAS BEEN!!!
EVEN IF IT MEANS OUR LIVES...
SORRY, BUT I CAN'T LET YOU DO THAT...

SILENCE!
YOU DISGUSTING MURDEROUS LUNATIC!!!
!!
OX, CALM DOWN !!
STICKS AND STONES ...
!?
WE HAVE TO OBTAIN ALL OF THE WISDOM AT ANY COST!!
WE'RE DOING THIS BECAUSE OF THE PROMISE... ATONEMENT ...
...AND FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD!!

HA!!
GOTCHA !!!

ENA!! HEY, ENA!!!
WHUD
NUTS. IN THE END, I DID PUNCH HER.
!
ACK!
W-WAIT!! THIS IS ALL MY RESPON-SIBILITY!! YOU CAN SEE THAT!!
TAKE MY HEAD!! TAKE THE WISDOM TOO!!
UNKNOWN NUMBER 58:
JUST... JUST SPARE ENA... PLEASE
GRIN

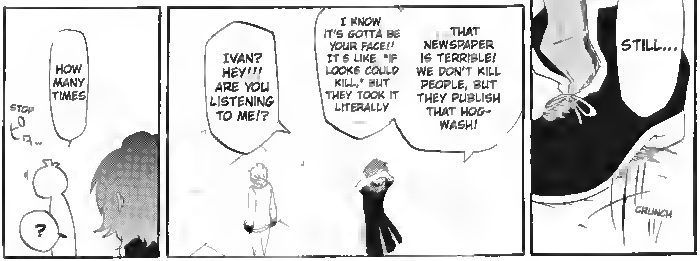
BINDING OF THE GODDESS OF MEMORY, MNEMOSYNE—!
AFTER YOUR CELLS BECOME LIQUID, WE INVADE YOUR BRAIN...
...AND REMOVE THOSE MEMORIES WITH THE WISDOM!!
RELAX. WE'RE NOT GOING TO KILL YOU.
THAT'S HYPERBOLIC TABLOID JOURNALISM.
UNKNOWN NUMBER 37: GUIDANCE OF THE POLAR GOD, COEUS, IS OURS!

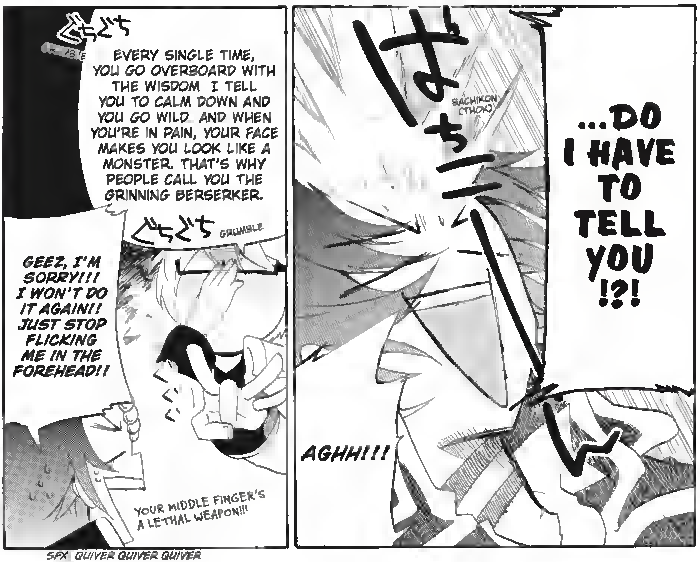
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED !!
DON'T ...

DON'T MURDER MY FATHER
URP
OH, COME ON! I ALREADY SAID WE'RE NOT GONNA KILL HIM!
STOP LAUGH-ING!!!
MY FATHER SPENT HIS WHOLE LIFE WORKING AS A PROUD SENTRY !!!
IF THEY HADN'T BETRAYED HIM, HIS BODY... HIS MIND... NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED !!!

YEAH ...
CHUCKLE
YOU'RE STILL LAUGH-ING!?! WHAT'S SO FUNNY !?!
©WISH
AH, SORRY. I'M NOT MOCKING HIM..
UM, JUST AS YOUR FATHER LOST THE ABILITY TO WALK...
...WE CAN'T REALLY FEEL.. OR MAKE THE APPROPRIATE EXPRESSIONS ...
ALL I CAN DO IS SMILE!!
SORRY.

HUH ...?
...YOUR FATHER GOT LIKE THIS AND THE COUNTRY GOT LIKE THIS...
...BECAUSE OF THE WISDOM.
ALL I CAN DO NOW IS APOLOGIZE, BUT I SWEAR THAT ONE DAY, I'LL PUT EVERYTHING BACK TO THE WAY IT WAS...
IN THE FIRST PLACE ...
...SO UNTIL THEN, FORGET ABOUT THE WHOLE THING AND LIVE AN ENJOYABLE LIFE.

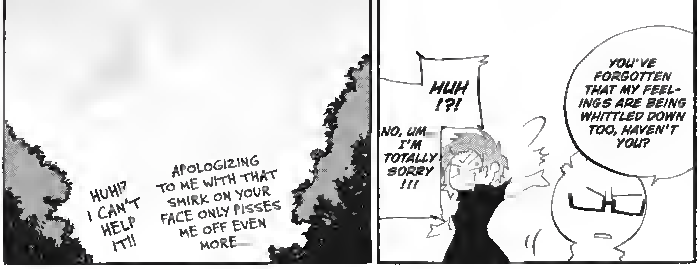

HOW MANY TIMES
STOP
?
IVAN? HEY!!! ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME!?
I KNOW IT'S GOTTA BE YOUR FACE! IT'S LIKE "IF LOOKS COULD KILL," BUT THEY TOOK IT LITERALLY
THAT NEWSPAPER IS TERRIBLE! WE DON'T KILL PEOPLE, BUT THEY PUBLISH THAT HOG-WASH!
STILL...
CRUNCH

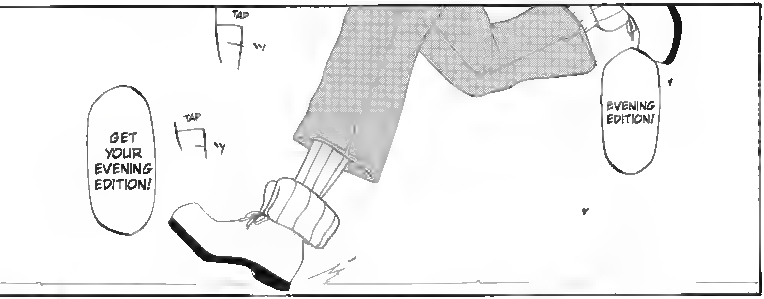

EVERY SINGLE TIME, YOU GO OVERBOARD WITH THE WISDOM I TELL YOU TO CALM DOWN AND YOU GO WILD AND WHEN YOU'RE IN PAIN, YOUR FACE MAKES YOU LOOK LIKE A MONSTER. THAT'S WHY PEOPLE CALL YOU THE GRINNING BERSERKER.
GRUMBLE
GEEZ, I'M SORRY!!! I WON'T DO IT AGAIN!! JUST STOP FLICKING ME IN THE FOREHEAD!!
YOUR MIDDLE FINGER'S A LETHAL WEAPON!!!
SACHIKON CTHOK!
...DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU !?!
AGHH!!!

SFX: QUIVER QUIVER QUIVER

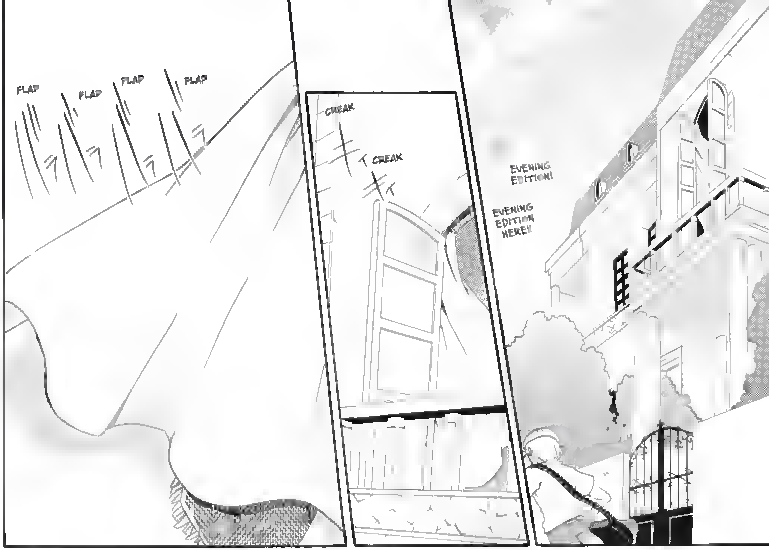
...YOU MAY EVEN LOSE YOUR EMOTIONS!!

...
WE GOTTA GET THIS DONE WHILE I'M STILL HUMAN ...
...RIGHT?
BUT I VERY MUCH DOUBT THAT DIVINE PUNISHMENT LETS OFF ANYONE LIGHTLY.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT BECOMES OF PEOPLE WHO LOSE THEIR EMOTIONS IN THE END. .
I KNOW.


HUH!? I CAN'T HELP IT!!
APOLOGIZING TO ME WITH THAT SMIRK ON YOUR FACE ONLY PISSES ME OFF EVEN MORE
HUH!?!
NO, UM... I'M TOTALLY SORRY!!!
YOU'VE FORGOTTEN THAT MY FEELINGS ARE BEING WHITTLED DOWN TOO, HAVEN'T YOU?


TAP
TAP
GET YOUR EVENING EDITION!
EVENING EDITION!

ALL RIGHT!! I'LL HURRY UP AND DELIVER TO THE REST OF THE HOUSES!!!
YEAH!
I JUST HOPE THEY'RE STILL INSIDE..
OX AND IVAN...
SQUEEZE
OH!
ENA-CHAN'S HOUSE...
SUESS I'LL GIVE THEM THEIR PAPER DIRECTLY WHEN I'M DONE

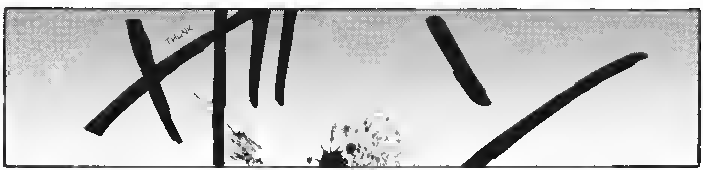

FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
CREAK
CREAK
EVENING EDITION!
EVENING EDITION HERE!!

UNH ...
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

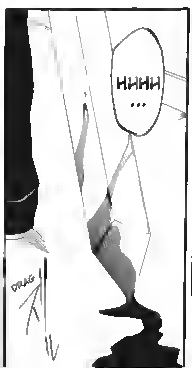
I DON'T KNOW MYSELF. AND MOREOVER
FATHER...? WHAT AM I DOING HERE ?
ENA!! HEY, ENA!! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
UNH
OWW... WHAT HAPPENED ...?
!

...THE ROOM IS A WRECK! HAS A BURGLAR BEEN IN HERE?
AH, DAMMIT I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING !!
GRAB GRAB
NEI-THER CAN I..
BUT FOR SOME REASON
...IT FEELS LIKE THE DARK CLOUD THAT'S BEEN IN MY HEAD HAS CLEARED UP.
WELL, WE CAN'T JUST SIT HERE AND BROOD ABOUT IT ALL NIGHT
I'LL LOOK AROUND TO SEE IF ANYTHING'S BEEN STOLEN
PLEASE
WAIT!
...
ME TOO, ACTU-ALLY
GRIN

I DON'T THINK THAT'S NECESSARY.


THUNK

SIGH...
I HAVE TO DO ALL THE DIRTY WORK...


HHHH...
DRAG

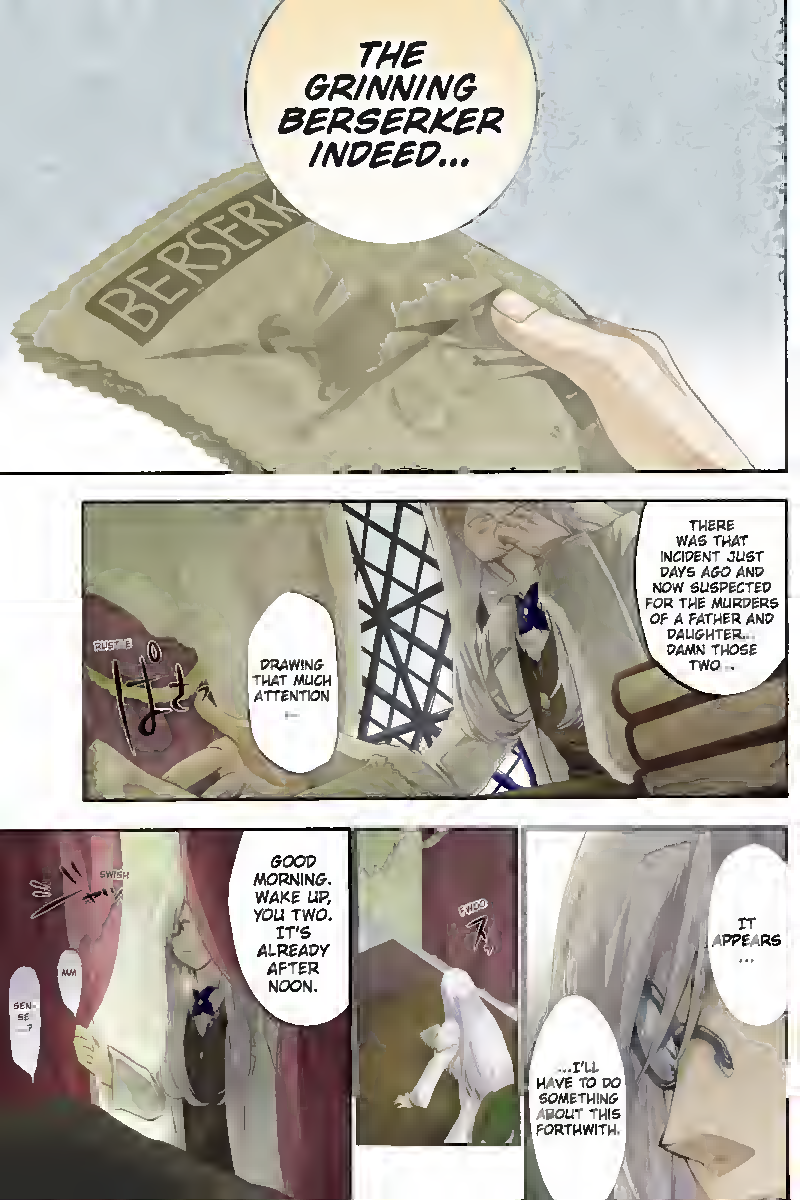
DRIP

I'M SICK OF THIS.
ROLL
THOSE TWO REALLY ARE TOO NICE... BUT...
...I CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON THEM...
...TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.
THE GRINNING BERSERK-ER...
OR RATHER

...GOD'S CHOSEN MASTER-MINDS!!!

Ικαρος

UNKNOWN


THE GRINNING BERSERKER INDEED...
BERSERK
RUSTLE
DRAWING THAT MUCH ATTENTION
THERE WAS THAT INCIDENT JUST DAYS AGO AND NOW SUSPECTED FOR THE MURDERS OF A FATHER AND DAUGHTER... DAMN THOSE TWO...
SWISH
MM
SEN-SE-?
GOOD MORNING. WAKE UP, YOU TWO. IT'S ALREADY AFTER NOON.
THUD
IT APPEARS...
...I'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS FORTHWITH.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, BUT I HAVE A JOB FOR YOU!

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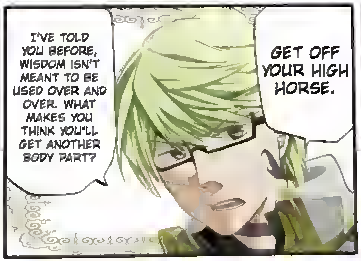
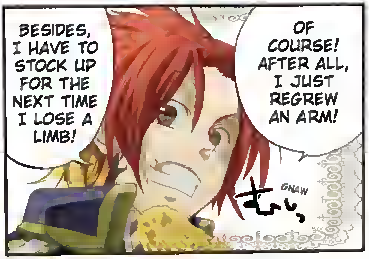
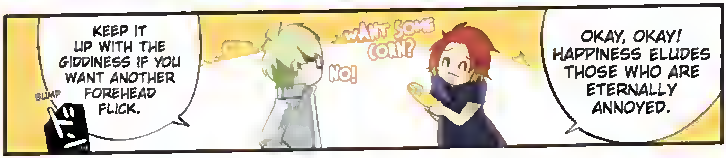
ALL YOU EVER DO IS EAT...
NOTHING BEATS A TOWN WITH TASTY FOOD! RIGHT, IVAN?


I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE, WISDOM ISN'T MEANT TO BE USED OVER AND OVER. WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU'LL GET ANOTHER BODY PART?
GET OFF YOUR HIGH HORSE.

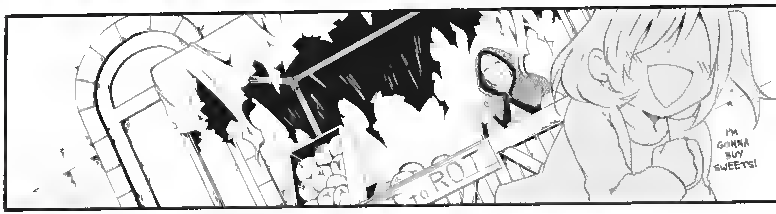

BESIDES, I HAVE TO STOCK UP FOR THE NEXT TIME I LOSE A LIMB!
OF COURSE! AFTER ALL, I JUST REGREW AN ARM!
GNAW


KEEP IT UP WITH THE GIDDINESS IF YOU WANT ANOTHER FOREHEAD FLICK.
BUMP
WANT SOME COIN?
NO!
OKAY, OKAY! HAPPINESS ELUDES THOSE WHO ARE ETERNALLY ANNOYED.

HERE!

NO, THANK YOU.
BOING
WHAT? YOU'RE GIVING IT TO ME?
I WAS JUST GETTING A HANKERING FOR DESSERT...
CHOMP
YOU ATE IT! THAT'LL BE 700 OULUS!!
FWISH
.....!?
OF COURSE THAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN.
RIGHT?
GYA-HA-HA-HA!
WAIT!! EITHER WAY, THAT'S TOO EXPENSIVE!!
IT'S PERFECTLY REASONABLE!
THAT'S HALF MY ALLOWANCE RIGHT THERE!!
AFTER ALL, IT'S GRANNY FOCK'S...
...MAGIC FRUIT!

JINGLE
HERE YOU ARE GOOD WORK AS ALWAYS.
YAY!


I'M GONNA BUY SWEETS!

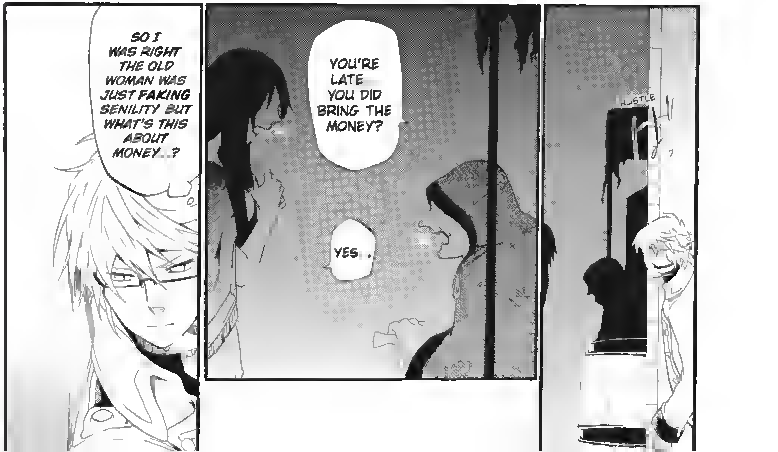
"FRUIT THAT-NEVER ROTS," EH?

THERE, SEE!? EVERY-THING'S GOING ACCORDING TO MY PLA—
WE HAVE LESS IN-FORMATION TO GO ON THAN WE DID WITH "COEUS," BUT IT SEEMS LIKE WE'LL HAVE AN EASIER TIME FINDING THIS ONE.
RUSTLE
UNKNOWN NUMBER 41: THE GODDESS OF IMMORTALITY, THETIS.

EXCUSE ME, UM...MAY I ASK YOU A QUESTION?
WHAT IS IT?
RESTRAIN YOURSELF! WE DON'T HAVE IT YET.
...N.
YOU WANT A BANANA? HERE THANK YOU, SIR.
OH?
IT'S ABOUT YOUR PRESERVATION METHOD FOR THIS FRUIT
YOU'D LIKE AN ORANGE? HERE YOU ARE THANK YOU, SIR
OH?
NO, I'M ASKING HOW YOU PRESERVE...
WHAT THE...!? SO YOU WERE HUNGRY TOO!
SO, HOW'D IT GO ?
...

IN THE END...
...I DIDN'T MAKE ANY MORE PROGRESS WITH THE OLD WOMAN, BUT THE VILLAGERS CLAIM HER FRUIT REALLY DOESN'T ROT.
SIGH...
THE ONLY WAY TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT... WELL, IT HAS TO BE AN UNKNOWN.

IT'D BE BEST TO STAY BY THE SOURCE AND CATCH IT IN ACTION...
EXCEPT IT'S FREEZING OUT HERE AT NIGHT
ZZZ
I'M SURPRISED WE CAN SLEEP THROUGH IT.
CLEAR
!


SO I WAS RIGHT THE OLD WOMAN WAS JUST FAKING SENILITY BUT WHAT'S THIS ABOUT MONEY...?
YOU'RE LATE YOU DID BRING THE MONEY?
YES.
RUSTLE

I-I'LL PAY YOU BY NEXT WEEK, I SWEAR IT!!
SO PLEASE, ANY-THING BUT THAT!!
YOU KNOW, I COULD ALWAYS ASK SOMEONE ELSE TO DO IT!
WHAT'S THIS!? IT'S NOT NEARLY ENOUGH!!
NOW GO ON!! WHAT ARE YOU LOLLY-GAGGING FOR!?
GOOD GRIEF, KNOW THAT I WON'T WAIT ANY LONGER THAN THAT!!
WISDOM OF THE GODS NUMBER 41: THE GODDESS OF IMMORTALITY, THETIS!
WHAMP
DO IT WITH ALL OF THEM BY MORNING!

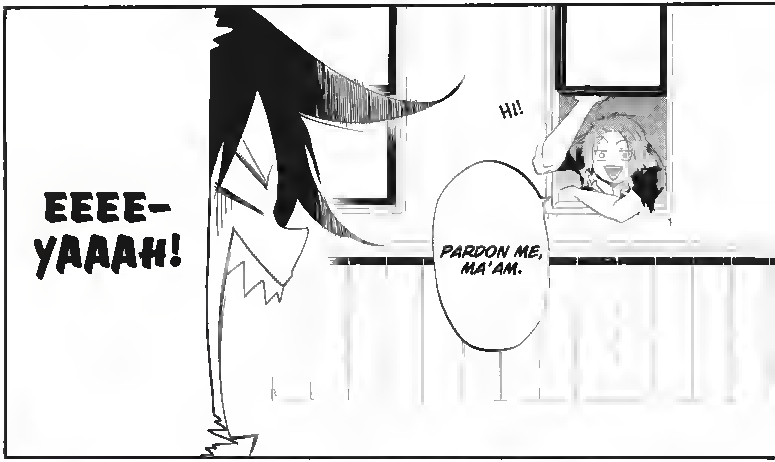
AFTER LETTING OUT YOUR BREATH COMPLETELY...
Fooo...
...GENERATE A NEW BREATH FROM WITHIN YOUR BODY.
THAT BREATH WILL DETER ALL FORMS OF DECAY!!
THETIS— CONFIRMED.

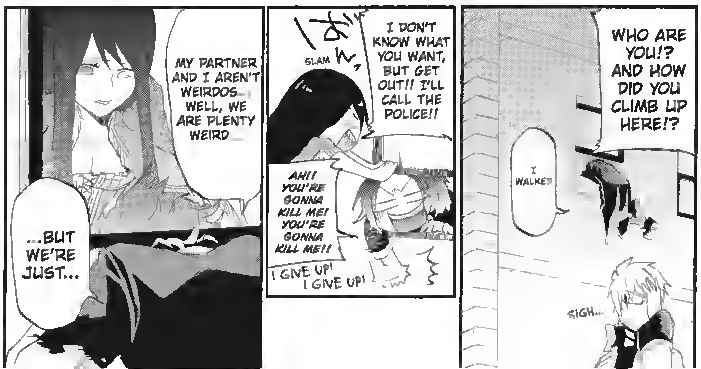
OX, WAKE UP. WE'RE GOING!
SLIDE
UH...?
EXCUSE ME, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU ABOUT THE WISDOM I JUST...
!?
HEY!!
HEY, GRANNY!
DASH
!
YOU JUST SAID SOMETHING ABOUT "WISDOM", DIDN'T YOU?
HAH?
WHAT'S THAT!?
OX!!
YOU WON'T GET ANYWHERE WITH HER.
FOR THE TIME BEING, PURSUE THE WOMAN!

HEY, WAIT UP!!
I SUPPOSE IT'S TIME TO LEAVE THIS TOWN BEHIND ..
...
EH?
HEY!
YOU ARE GRANNY FOCK?
GRAB
CLACK

PLEASE, WAIT!! ALL I WANT TO DO IS TALK! I MEAN YOU NO HARM...
STAY AWAY FROM ME!!!
SWISH
DUAK
...I GUESS THIS IS GOING TO BE MORE OF A PROTRACTED BATTLE THAN I THOUGHT
YEAH... BUT YOU KNOW, YOU'RE TOTALLY ACTING LIKE A STALKER.
HEY, IVAN?
POINT
POINT
GRIN
MM?

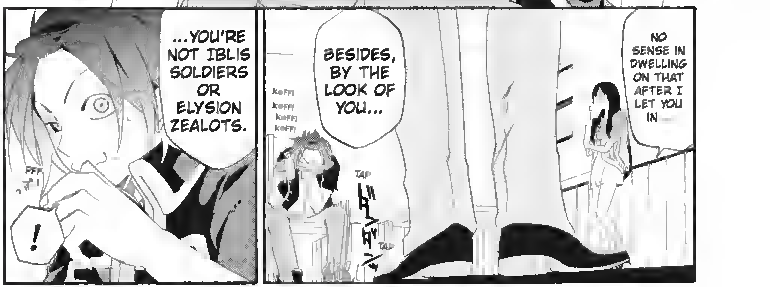
RATTLE
RATTLE
KOFF! KOFF!
HUFF
HUFF
UGH
GEEZ
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?


EEEE-YAAAH!
HI!
PARDON ME, MA'AM.


MY PARTNER AND I AREN'T WEIRDOS. WELL, WE ARE PLENTY WEIRD.
...BUT WE'RE JUST...
SLAM
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT, BUT GET OUT!! I'LL CALL THE POLICE!!
AH!! YOU'RE GONNA KILL ME! YOU'RE GONNA KILL ME!!
I GIVE UP! I GIVE UP!
WHO ARE YOU!? AND HOW DID YOU CLIMB UP HERE!?
I WALKED!
SIGH...

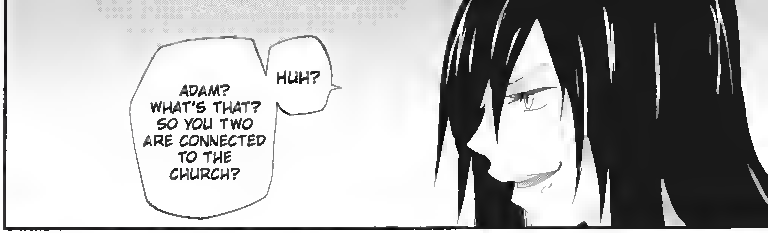
...APPLES.
YOU TWO ALSO ...!?
EEE-YAAAH !!!
GASP
RECAP-ITATE ME
SLUMP
. SO FIRST IF YOU COULD STOP TRYING TO .
WE JUST WANT TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU KNOW. WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING ELSE
SO...
...YOU TWO REALLY AREN'T PERVERTS OR ANYTHING. .
... RIGHT?
AL-THOUGH

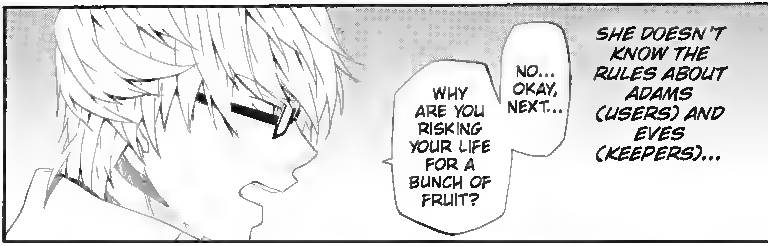
...ONE'S A TRESPASSING WALL-CRAWLER
...AND THE OTHER'S A FOUR-EYED STALKER.
WHA ...!?


NO SENSE IN DWELLING ON THAT AFTER I LET YOU IN
BESIDES, BY THE LOOK OF YOU...
...YOU'RE NOT IBLIS SOLDIERS OR ELYSION ZEALOTS.
!

HUH!? YOU THOUGHT WE WERE WITH THE EMPIRE OR THE CHURCH!?
NATU-RALLY! DON'T YOU KNOW?
THIS TOWN IS RIGHT BETWEEN THE EMPIRE AND THE CHURCH. THAT'S WHY IT BECAME THE FIRST BATTLE-GROUND WHERE WISDOM WAS FOUGHT OVER.
BOTH SIDES ARE AT A STALE-MATE NOW, BUT UP UNTIL A YEAR OR TWO AGO..

...WISEMEN'S HEADS WOULD BE ROLLING AROUND FOR NO GOOD REASON.
THIS TOWN WAS A LAWLESS, CHAOTIC HELL ON EARTH.
GLANCE
WELL, THERE'S NO WAY A GUY WITH A GOOFY MUG LIKE YOURS COULD BE AN AGENT OF THE EMPIRE OR THE CHURCH
OH, COME ON! THAT'S YOUR FINAL ASSESSMENT OF ME!?
THAT'S CRUEL!
POINT
SO?
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO ASK ME?
LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH SO YOU CAN GET OUT OF HERE.
TAP
ALL RIGHT, FIRST ...
...GOING BY THE EXCHANGE I SAW OUT THERE, YOU ARE AN ADAM, YES?


HUH?
ADAM? WHAT'S THAT? SO YOU TWO ARE CONNECTED TO THE CHURCH?

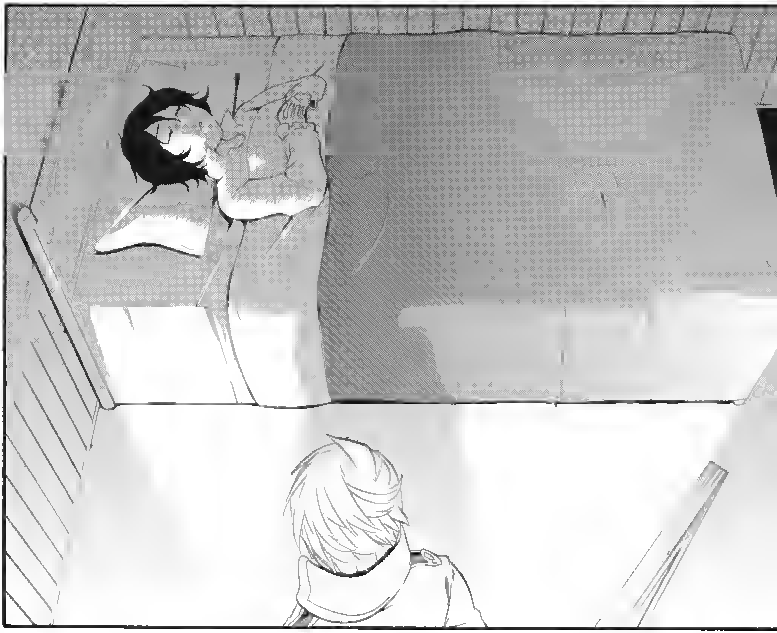

SHE DOESN'T KNOW THE RULES ABOUT ADAMS (USERS) AND EVES (KEEPERS)...
NO... OKAY, NEXT...
WHY ARE YOU RISKING YOUR LIFE FOR A BUNCH OF FRUIT?

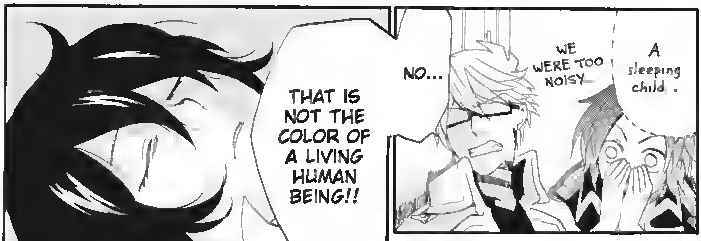
IT SEEMS YOU DIDN'T KNOW THIS, BUT USING THE WISDOM ALWAYS LEADS TO DIVINE PUNISHMENT
THEN STOP USING THE WISDOM IM-MEDIATELY.

DIVINE PUNISH-MENT...?

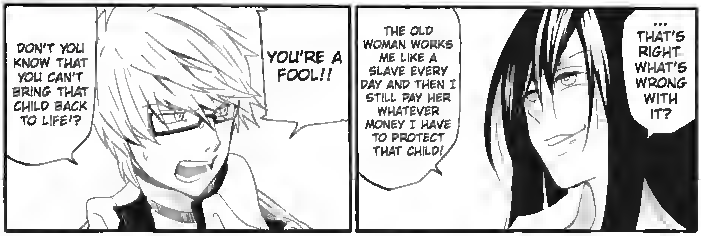
I THOUGHT SO. YOU WERE USING THE POWER WITHOUT BEING AWARE OF THE RISKS.
MY LIFE!?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING THAT YOU'RE SAYING!

...
NO... I...
MAYBE YOU'VE ALREADY NOTICED A CHANGE IN YOURSELF ?
...EVEN IF IT DOES KILL ME.
GLANCE
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF QUITTING THE WISDOM ...
BUT YOU WERE PAYING THAT WOMAN MONEY!!!
SWISH
THAT'S RIGHT! I MAKE A LOT OF MONEY FROM IT!! IT'S A BUSINESS!!
WHAT!? THE FRUIT IS THAT IMPORTANT TO YOU!?
NO, DON'T !!
SWISH
.. YOU'VE BEEN EYEING THIS DOOR FOR THE LAST FEW MINUTES!!
AND...
FOO
... YOU'RE HIDING SOMETHING, AREN'T YOU?




A sleeping child.
WE WERE TOO NOISY...
NO...
THAT IS NOT THE COLOR OF A LIVING HUMAN BEING!!

I SEE...
YOU'VE BEEN USING THE POWER TO PRESERVE THIS DEAD CHILD!!


...THAT'S RIGHT. WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT?
THE OLD WOMAN WORKS ME LIKE A SLAVE EVERY DAY AND THEN I STILL PAY HER WHATEVER MONEY I HAVE TO PROTECT THAT CHILD!
YOU'RE A FOOL!!
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN'T BRING THAT CHILD BACK TO LIFE!?

NOBODY KNOWS THAT FOR A FACT! AND BESIDES, I MAY EVENTUALLY FIND A WISDOM THAT CAN BRING HIM BACK TO LIFE!!!
UNTIL I DO, AS LONG AS I KEEP THIS UP, AT LEAST WE CAN BE TOGETHER!!
KEEPING TONS OF FRUIT FROM ROTTING EVERY SINGLE DAY AND ALSO KEEPING YOUR SON FROM DECAYING !?
BELIEVE ME, YOU'RE ALREADY COURTING DEATH!!
OH, SHUT UP!! WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT...
...IT...

!!
KOFF! KOFF! KOFF...

...BEFORE OUR SON WAS BORN

I PROMISED...

...THAT I WOULD RAISE HIM...
...EVEN ON MY OWN. I SWORE IT!

SWISH
HEY, IT'S OBVIOUS YOUR BODY IS...
MY HUS-BAND DIED...

!
.....
!!
WH...
WHAT'S THAT SMELL ...?
PERMISSION FOR THE WISDOM HAS BEEN RESCINDED
OR SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO THE OLD WOMAN...
SNIGH
WHAT'S HAPPENING !?
WAIT!! WHY!? HE'S STARTING TO DECAY!!
DASH
AH!
WAIT A SECOND !!
SHEESH!

GRAN-
NY...
HUFF!
HUFF!
OH
NO
...
LOOM
HELLO
THERE,
YOUNG
LADY.
BUZZ
BUZZ
ARE YOU
A FRIEND
OF THE
OLD HAG
HERE?
W-
WHO ARE
YOU...
!!

YOU'RE SOLDIERS !!
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT, ALTHOUGH IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT'S IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW.
...IS THIS.
IS THIS WHAT YOU'VE COME RUNNING FOR?
...WHAT IS IT? A JEWEL?
HA! WHAT, YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW?
I'M SURE EVERYONE IN THIS TOWN AT LEAST KNOWS THE NAME. IT'S AN UNKNOWN!
THAT !?
YES, THIS! THE OLD WOMAN WOULDN'T COOPERATE AND HAND IT OVER, SO I MURDERED HER FIRST, THEN RIPPED IT OUT OF HER HEAD
KNOWLEDGE UNDREAMED OF BY HUMANS IS RECORDED INSIDE THIS LITTLE BALL!
WELL, YOU'LL SEE!

ボッ
ズ!!
YOU JUST POP IT INTO YOUR NOGGIN LIKE THAT, AND SUDDENLY, THE KNOWLEDGE IS THERE.
NOW I JUST NEED TO CHOOSE AN APPLE TO GIVE ORDERS TO... MM?
!!?
WHAT IS IT!?
WH-WHAT'S WRONG?
HOLD ON— WAIT HUH? WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S LIKE... I UNDERSTAND THE MECHANISM, BUT... HOW CAN I PUT IT? IT'S, UM—
AN IDIOT CAN'T USE AN UNKNOWN.
!?

IT'S LIKE NORMAL WISDOM. IF YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT, YOU OBVIOUSLY CAN'T PASS IT ON TO ANYONE ELSE.
JUST LOADING IT INTO YOUR BRAIN AND COMPREHENDING IT ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS.
WHO SAID THAT!? WHERE ARE YOU!? !!
WHAT !?
DASH
BASTARD! WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE!?
I'LL KILL YOU FOR MAKING FUN OF ME!!!
PWOO
THERE!!!
HUH !?
HEADS UP.
POINT
I DON'T INTEND TO TELL YOU MY NAME OR DIE FOR THAT MATTER, BUT I WILL SAY THIS..

STOMP
!!?
BOSS!!
HOP
HI!
HOW'S EVERYONE DOING TONIGHT !?
TAP
ARE YOU OKAY...?
UNGH !!!

SON OF A BITCH!!!
TEAR THEM LIMB FROM LIMB !!!
SHEESH. YOU SURE RILED UP THESE GUYS BY INSULTING THEIR INTELLIGENCE, IVAN.
I WAS JUST BEING HONEST.
NAH, I THINK THEY'RE MORE SENSITIVE ABOUT THE INSULTS...
AND I THINK YOU STEPPING ON THE LEADER'S FACE HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT.
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO HERE?

WHOA!
WHAM
YOU'RE GETTIN' YOURS TOO, WENCH!!
SLASH
WHA ...?
FWISH
!
SLAM

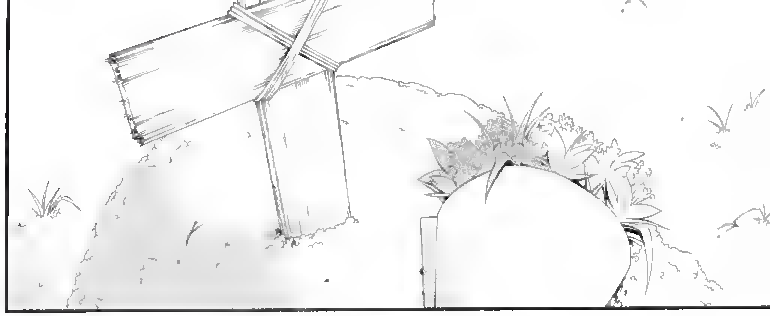
EVEN JUST POSSESSING THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT MAKES YOU A TARGET...
THE MORE YOU USE A WISDOM, THE MORE IT EATS AWAY AT YOUR MIND AND BODY...

UNKNOWN NUMBER 58:

BINDING OF THE GOD-DESS, MNEMO-SYNE!
WOK
UNKNOWN NUMBER 41: THE GODDESS OF IMMORTALITY, THETIS...

...IS OURS!!

THIS TIME IT WAS AN EASY ONE.
REALLY!? HOW DO YOU FIGURE!?



WE DIDN'T DO ANY-THING
.....
THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING

.....THE RIGHT WAY TO SAY GOOD-BYE.
RUSTLE
...THAT WHAT I WAS DOING WAS STUPID.
I JUST COULDN'T FIND..
PAT
A PAT
BY THE WAY, EVEN IF YOU HADN'T TOLD ME, I ALREADY KNEW...

SO EVEN IF I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT...
YOU TWO BROUGHT ME TO MY SENSES AND I DON'T WANT TO WASTE IT.
THAT WAS, UM... A BIT HARSH, SORRY.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLO-GIZE! I'M GRATE-FUL TO YOU.
BUT WHEN SOMEBODY ACTUALLY CALLED ME OUT FOR BEING A FOOL, IT OPENED MY EYES.

...I'M GOING TO START MY LIFE OVER FROM TODAY!
HUH? COME TO THINK OF IT, WHERE'S OX?
?
WHISPER
...
SORRY
OH, HE'S WAITING OUTSIDE. HE'S GOT THIS INCURABLE SMIRKING HABIT...
...SO HE DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE WISE TO BE HERE.
HMM... I WOULDN'T HAVE MINDED.
I'M ACTUALLY MORE WORRIED ABOUT YOU WITH THAT PERPETUAL GRIMACE. I'M SURPRISED IT DOESN'T WEAR YOU OUT.
COME ON, TRY TO GIVE ME A LITTLE SMILE...

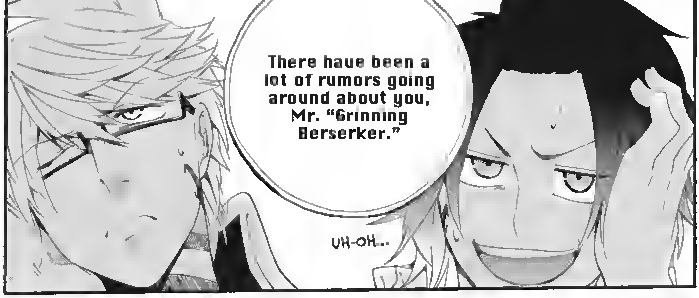
...FOUR-EYED STALKER.
UNFORTU-NATELY...
...I'M INCAPABLE OF PRODUCING A SMILE, EVEN A FAKE ONE.
WHAT'S THAT? ARE YOU TRYING TO BE COOL?
CHUCKLE
OH WELL. BUT TELL ME ONE THING BEFORE YOU GO.
YOU TWO ARE SHAVING AWAY YOUR LIFESPANS AND RISKING YOUR NECKS.
BUT EVEN SO, YOU'RE GATHERING WISDOM AS APPLES. HOW COME?

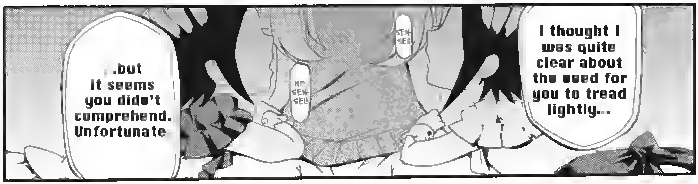
FWOOD
I'M SURE ...
... "BECAUSE WE'RE FOOLS" IS THE MOST VALID ANSWER.

...B-BY THE WAY, WITH THIS ONE, HAVE WE COLLECTED THE AMOUNT WE WERE TOLD TO?
RUSTLE

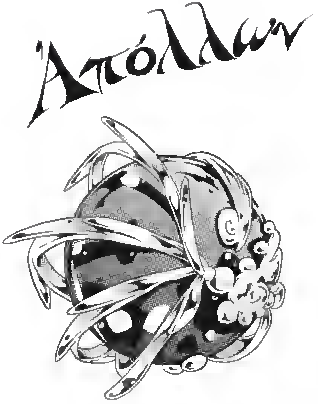
Are you referring to me?
!?
IF HE FOUND OUT, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE'LL SAY...
YES, BUT YOU STOOD OUT A LITTLE TOO MUCH!

YOU TOOK A LONG TIME, IVAN.
WAIT! DID SOMETHING HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU TWO!?
DO YOU WANT ME TO FLICK A HOLE INTO YOUR HEAD THAT BADLY?
GRIN


There haue been a lot of rumors going around about you, Mr. "Grinning Berserker."
UH-OH...


I thought I was quite clear about the need for you to tread lightly...
...but it seems you didn't comprehend. Unfortunate.

I would like you to return so I can drill it into your heads once more.
Return to the place where the exiled gather ..
...Paradise Lost.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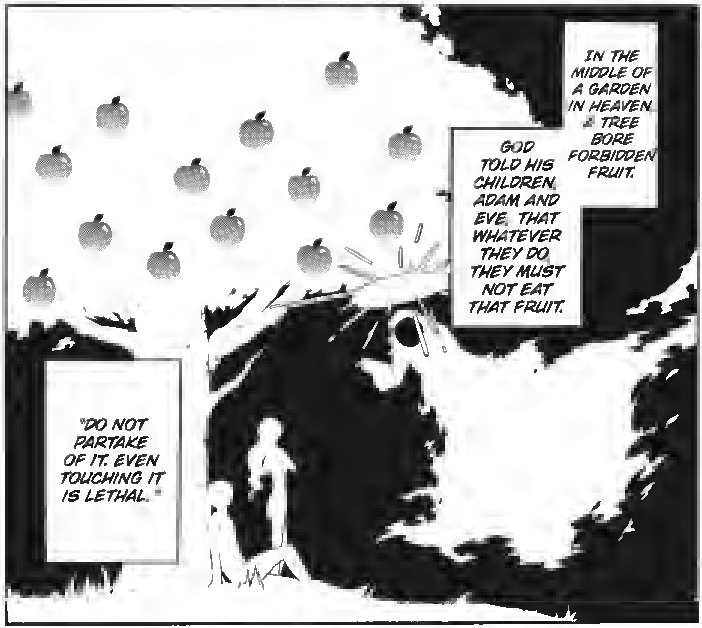
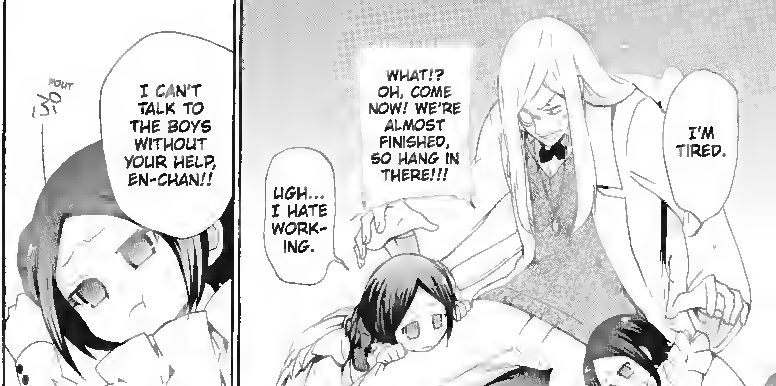
UNKNOWN

PARADISE LOST


IN THE MIDDLE OF A GARDEN IN HEAVEN, A TREE BORE FORBIDDEN FRUIT.
GOD TOLD HIS CHILDREN, ADAM AND EVE, THAT WHATEVER THEY DO, THEY MUST NOT EAT THAT FRUIT.
"DO NOT PARTAKE OF IT. EVEN TOUCHING IT IS LETHAL."

Chapter 3: Masquerade of Tears

But you two not only seem to have no sense that you belong to a bigger organization, you...ah...
I have told you many times that our operations must be kept secret, yes?
もー——SHEESH!!
I'M LISTENING! I'M LISTENING!! LIKE IT OR NOT, I HAVE TO LISTEN WHEN YOU'RE BROADCASTING IN MY HEAD!!
Excuse me! Are you listening to me??
...to be honest, I wanted you to come back here at once...
So...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
Knock it off now...
What are... you doing? Ah...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
MMM?
MM?
Hey!!
...but there's one thing I need you to do first...
Ah!


POUT
I CAN'T TALK TO THE BOYS WITHOUT YOUR HELP, EN-CHAN!!
WHAT!? OH, COME NOW! WE'RE ALMOST FINISHED, SO HANG IN THERE!!!
I'M TIRED.
UGH... I HATE WORK-ING.

SNIGH
AH! I KNOW!!
CANDY!! LOOK, I'VE GOT CANDY !!
ACK!!
YOU TOO, NIN-CHAN!? PLEASE DON'T BE LIKE THAT!
NIN IS GONNA PLAY...

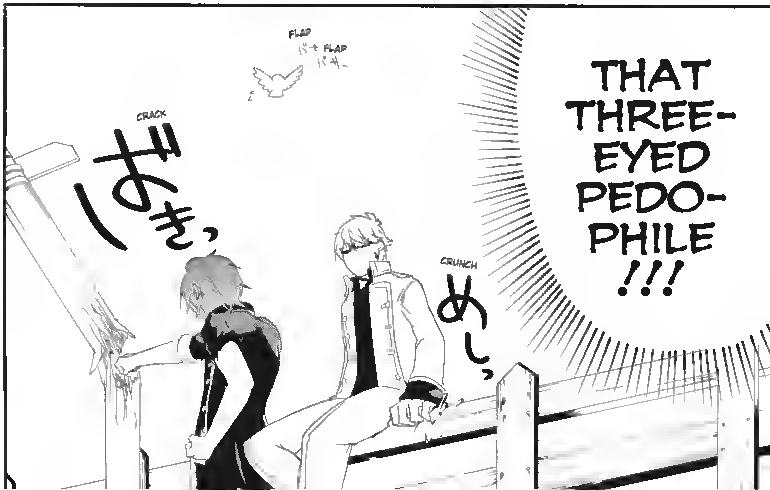
GLOW

.....
Choco-latesll!
OH, YOU TWO ARE SUCH GOOD GIRLS! ♡ MAYBE I'LL GIVE YOU GOOD GIRLS CHOCOLATE TOO... ♡
En will work.
Nim too.
... YES, SIR.
Are we clear?
Uh-kun, you are to maintain a low profile.
RUFFLE
Time is short, so I'll make this fast. On the way home, I want you to stop at a town called Peridot and recover the Wisdom there.
RUFFLE
Yes, they were. But actually ...
AREN'T SET AND NOAH IN CHARGE OF WISDOM NUMBER 25?
CLIMB
WAIT A SECOND.
The number of the Wisdom is 25 and it seems to be becoming a major issue, so Tuan-kun, you get the lay of the land before...
CLIMB
...I've lost contact with them.

KNOCK IT OFF...
I don't know, which is why I'm asking you to do this!
SENSEI, I'M HUNGRY
AW DON'T CRY!!
ALMOST.
SENSEI AREN'T YOU DONE YET?
And that's it. I have my hands full here, so you two are on your own.

LOST CONTACT!? HOW...!?

When you're done, come home directly. No detours along the way!! Is that understood!!?


FLAP
FLAP
CRACK
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CRUNCH
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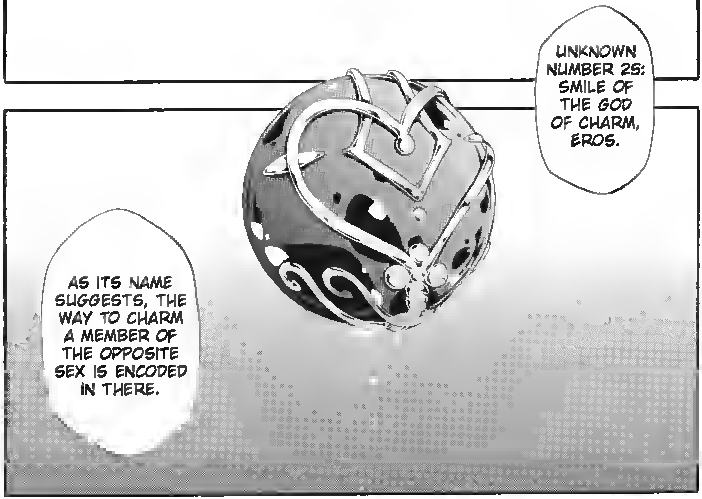
THAT THREE-EYED PEDO-PHILE!!!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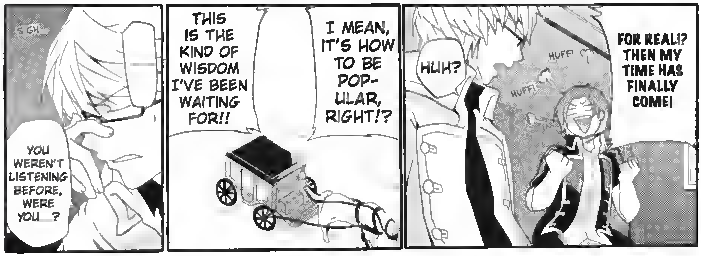
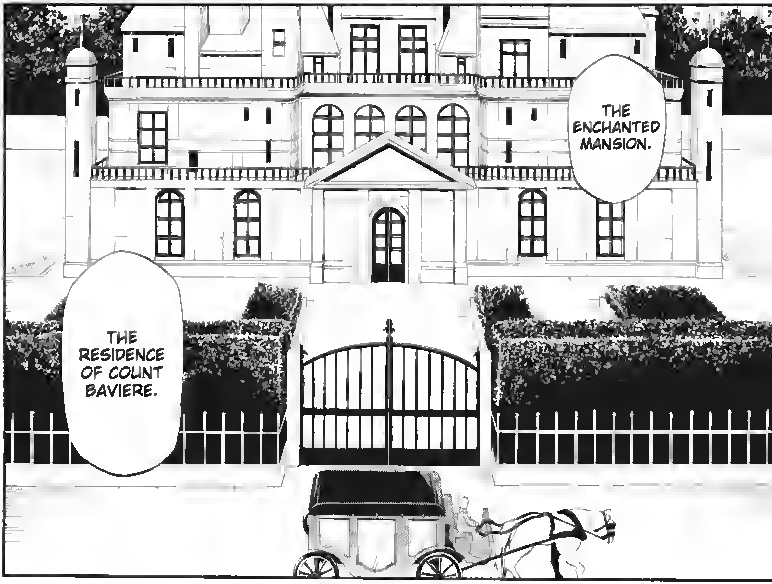
AS ITS NAME SUGGESTS, THE WAY TO CHARM A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITE SEX IS ENCODED IN THERE.

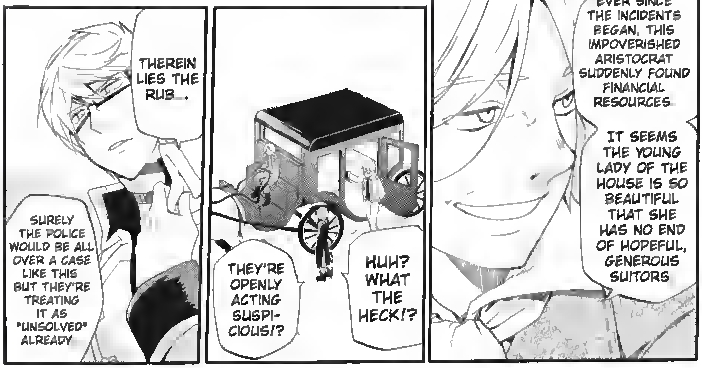

YOU WEREN'T LISTENING BEFORE, WERE YOU...?
THIS IS THE KIND OF WISDOM I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!!
I MEAN, IT'S HOW TO BE POP-ULAR, RIGHT!?
HUH?
HUFF!
HUFF!
FOR REAL!? THEN MY TIME HAS FINALLY COME!

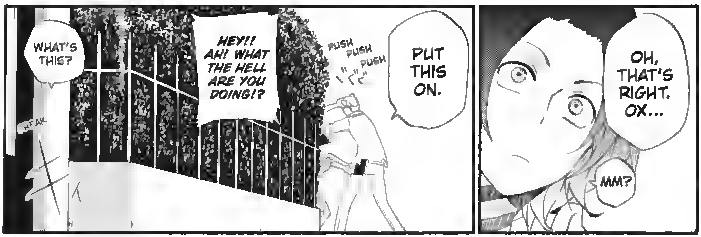
AND DON'T FORGET SET AND NOAH, WHO WERE IN CHARGE OF THIS UNTIL THEY VANISHED TOO. BUT HERE YOU ARE, HAPPY-GO-LUCKY AS EVER.
ON TOP OF THAT, THE MEN WHO WERE SEARCHING FOR THEM HAVE ALSO ALL DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE.
TWELVE BEAUTIFUL, POPULAR WOMEN HAVE DISAPPEARED IN THIS AREA.

WE'RE HERE, GENTLE-MEN.
JINGLE
UNGH...
OR MAYBE IT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY, SINCE YOU'VE GOT WOMEN TRYING TO PICK YOU UP EVERY TIME YOU WALK DOWN THE STREET! YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND MY FEELINGS! BOTH YOU AND THE MONOCLE CAN BITE ME!
HUH!? HOW CAN YOU BELITTLE A GUY'S DREAM!?


THE ENCHANTED MANSION.
THE RESIDENCE OF COUNT BAVIERE.

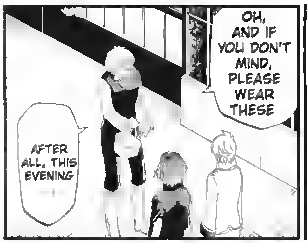
YES, THAT'S RIGHT. IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE.
ENCHANTED MANSION?


THEREIN LIES THE RUB...
SURELY THE POLICE WOULD BE ALL OVER A CASE LIKE THIS BUT THEY'RE TREATING IT AS "UNSOLVED" ALREADY.
HUH? WHAT THE HECK!?
THEY'RE OPENLY ACTING SUSPICIOUS!?
EVER SINCE THE INCIDENTS BEGAN, THIS IMPOVERISHED ARISTOCRAT SUDDENLY FOUND FINANCIAL RESOURCES.
IT SEEMS THE YOUNG LADY OF THE HOUSE IS SO BEAUTIFUL THAT SHE HAS NO END OF HOPEFUL, GENEROUS SUITORS.


WHAT'S THIS?
HEY!! AH! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!?
PUSH PUSH PUSH
PUT THIS ON.
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. OK...
MM?

THE YOUNG LADY'S BEAUTY? THE SEARCH FOR ALL THOSE WHO DISAPPEARED? OR PERHAPS THE WISDOM...?
ARE YOU TWO ALSO HERE BECAUSE OF THE RUMORS?

PLEASE COME IN.
THE YOUNG LADY IS WAITING.
PINCO


OH, AND IF YOU DON'T MIND, PLEASE WEAR THESE
AFTER ALL, THIS EVENING

WOW.
NEVER MIND HIDING THEY'RE WELCOMING US WITH OPEN ARMS
THEY MUST BE VERY CONFI-DENT.

...WE ARE HOSTING A MASQUERADE BALL.

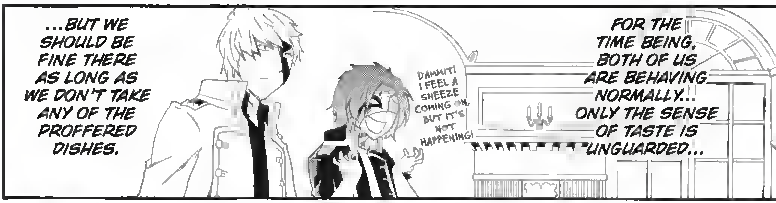
WHOA!! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY OF THESE DISHES BEFORE, IVAN!!
SO THIS IS HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES...
.....
I KNOW, I KNOW. I'M NOT ALLOWED TO EAT OR IMBIBE ANYTHING...
THIS IS TORTURE...
ISABELLA SAMA!
MY LADY!
PLEASE ACCEPT THIS!
BUT IN THIS CROWD OF MEN, I'M SURE A WOMAN STANDS OUT.
YEAH.
FIRST, WE HAVE TO FIND THE "YOUNG LADY" IN THIS CROWD.
AH, YOU'RE USELESS WITHOUT YOUR GLASSES, HUH?
I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING...
GLANCE
IT FEELS WEIRD ...
...WHEN THERE'S ONLY ONE WOMAN AT A MASQUERADE.

ISA-BELLA-SAMA!
AH...MY LADY!
MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE ?
EX-CUSE ME
!
I TAKE IT YOU ARE THE TRAVELERS MY BUTLER MENTIONED?
I AM ISABELLA, THE DAUGHTER OF THE FAMILY
N-NICE TO MEET YOU!! UM.. THEY CALL ME OX!
...OX, YOU WERE JUST THINKING THAT I'M A BIT OLD TO BE REFERRED TO AS A "YOUNG LADY", WEREN'T YOU?
NO, NOT AT ALL!! IT NEVER CROSSED MY MIND!!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIE TO ME... I FIND YOU CUTE.
I HOPE WE CAN BE FRIENDS.
GASP
!!?
GASP
AAARGH!!
OH, YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR WAY AROUND ETIQUETTE WITH LADIES?
??????
GASP
WELL, THAT'S MY IVAN!! EVEN WITHOUT HIS GLASSES, HE LOOKS LIKE AN INTELLECTUAL! OR WHAT KIND OF CHARACTER ARE YOU PLAYING?
TO BE HONEST, I HAVE GOOSE-BUMPS. HOW'S YOUR HEAD!!?
.....?
YOU SEEM A BIT MORE MATURE, SIR. PLEASED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAIN-TANCE.

...AS WELL AS OX'S SENSE OF SMELL AND TOLD HIM NOT TO TOUCH ANYTHING.
IT'S ITCHY...

TO AVOID GOING DOWN TOGETHER, I'VE BLOCKED MY SIGHT AND HEARING...
IT'S HIGHLY LIKELY THIS WISDOM APPEALS TO THE FIVE SENSES.


...BUT WE SHOULD BE FINE THERE AS LONG AS WE DON'T TAKE ANY OF THE PROFFERED DISHES.
DAMMIT! I FEEL A SNEEZE COMING ON, BUT IT'S NOT HAPPENING!
FOR THE TIME BEING, BOTH OF US ARE BEHAVING NORMALLY... ONLY THE SENSE OF TASTE IS UNGUARDED...

TON TAU
SO...
...AND SINCE YOU MADE THE EFFORT, I'LL TRY TO ANSWER ANYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.
YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY TO A SUSPICIOUS MANSION...
...WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING HERE?

AH.. UM.. ACTUALLY, UH..
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. IVAN CAN'T HEAR, SO I'LL TRY TO FISH FOR INFORMATION NATURALLY..
MM!
OH DEAR, NO ONE'S EVER BEEN SO STRAIGHT-FORWARD WITH ME BEFORE
YOU REALLY ARE CUTE
AH-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!!
PFFT!
MY LADY, ARE YOU AN APPLE, MAYBE?
DAMMIT!!
NAH, I'LL START OFF BY PITCHING HER A STRAIGHT FASTBALL!!!
SO WHAT WILL YOU DO IF I AM A WISEMAN?
GULP
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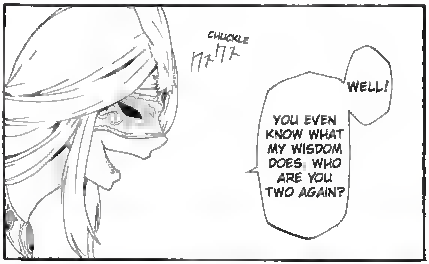
NOW I WANT YOU EVEN MORE...


CHUCKLE
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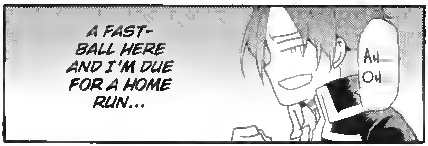
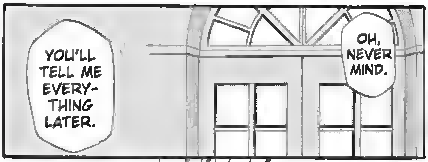
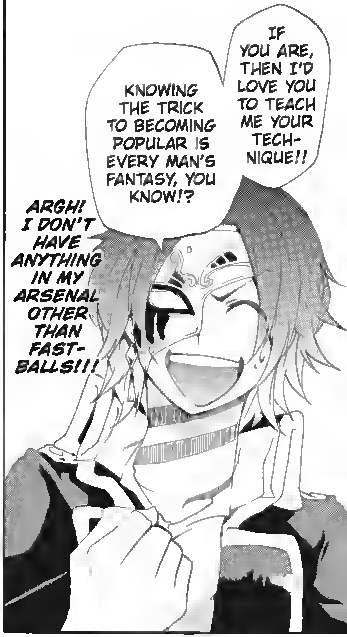
WELL!
YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT MY WISDOM DOES. WHO ARE YOU TWO AGAIN?


A FAST-BALL HERE AND I'M DUE FOR A HOME RUN...
AH— OH


YOU'LL TELL ME EVERY-THING LATER.
OH, NEVER MIND.


IF YOU ARE, THEN I'D LOVE YOU TO TEACH ME YOUR TECH-NIQUE!!
KNOWING THE TRICK TO BECOMING POPULAR IS EVERY MAN'S FANTASY, YOU KNOW!?
ARGH! I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING IN MY ARSENAL OTHER THAN FAST-BALLS!!!

I AM A WISEMAN... AN APPLE.
BUT YOU'RE RIGHT.
...THEY MUST HAVE ALL RACKED THEIR BRAINS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE UNDERHANDED METHOD I'VE USED TO TRICK EVERYONE .
THE TWO WHO CAME BEFORE YOU, THE POLICE, THE RELATIVES OF THE MISSING TOO..
IT SEEMS YOUR MIND IS RACING, IVAN-KUN, BUT IT'S NOT WORTH THE EFFORT.

BUT TOO BAD!
PUZZLE OVER IT AND YOU'LL NEVER FIGURE IT OUT, THOUGH THE METHOD IS SIMPLE.
SURROUNDED
THE USE OF FORCE.

AFTER CAPTURING YOU...
...I'LL MAKE YOU MINE, JUST AS I DID EVERYONE ELSE HERE.
...I DIDN'T CALCULATE THAT EVERY-ONE HERE BUT US IS IN HER THRALL...
BOMP
HEH!
JUST DON'T BLAME ME!! THIS ONE'S ON YOU FOR UNDEREST-IMATING HER!!
OH, I'D SAY THE ONE AT FAULT ...
CLAK
...FOR CHOOS-ING THE WRONG PEOPLE ...
FWISH
...IS THE PEDO WITH THE MONOCLE, WHO SENT TWO MEN AFTER THIS EROS WISDOM, RIGHT!?
AH!

AH—
—CHOO !!!
SENSEI, DO YOU HAVE A COLD?
NO.. SOMEONE IS PROBABLY GOSSIPING ABOUT ME SOME-WHERE
SNIFF
DON'T TELL ME... SOMETHING HAPPENED TO THOSE TWO...
MAYBE I SHOULD LOOK IN ON THEM..
SEN-SEI?
ARE WE ALREADY DONE PLAYING BUNNY RABBIT ...?
TEARS
うるっ
SHOCK
スキャアアー
ーン!!
OF COURSE NOT, MY DEARS!
YAY!
HOP
SENSEI, THAT TICKLES!
EWISH
がばっ

FWISH
WHUMP
WHIP
LEAP
!?
AHHHHH!!

CRACK
ALL RIGHT!!!
THIS'LL NEVER END... TOO MANY OF THEM AND WE CAN'T VERY WELL MURDER THEM.
PLUS, WE DON'T KNOW WHO ACTUALLY POSSESSES THE WISDOM YET.
STAGGER
!!
WE WON'T MAKE ANY PROGRESS AT THIS RATE...
!
IVAN!! BEHIND YOU!!!

SWISH
!?
CRACK
IVAN!!
WHUMP
UNGH!!
ALL RIGHT. GOOD WORK.
TING
!
SSK
OK...
...YOU'LL BE AFTER IVAN.

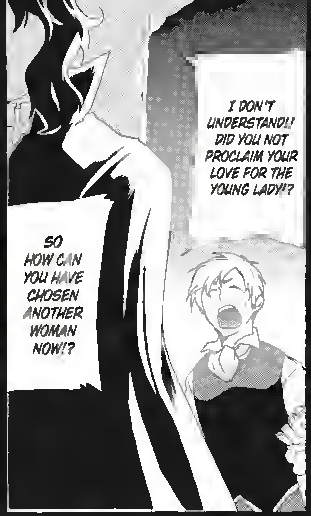
...YOU'RE THE EVE...
DON'T LOOK SO ANGRY.
GRIN
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE GOING TO BRAINWASH YOU.
TAK
YOU DON'T CALL THIS BRAIN-WASHING ?
OF COURSE NOT. THESE GENTLEMEN SIMPLY ACT OUT OF FOND-NESS FOR THE YOUNG LADY
IT'S THE POWER OF LOVE.
UNKNOWN NUMBER 25: SMILE OF THE GOD OF CHARM, EROS.
BY SACRIFICING TWELVE VIRGINS AND THEN DRINKING THEIR BLENDED BLOOD ONE WILL ATTAIN VARIOUS KINDS OF CHARM

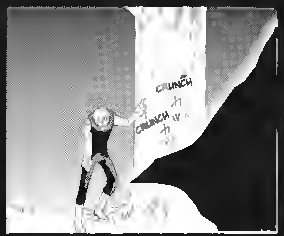
AND THEN...
POO
...IF THE BLOOD IS EXPELLED AS TEARS, EACH DROP WILL BE ENCHANTED!
NO WAY...
SHUDDER
A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITE SEX WHO DRINKS THEM WILL BE CAPTIVE TO HER CHARM!!
SO THEY SERVE AND PAY TRIBUTE TO THE YOUNG LADY WILLINGLY.

WAIT A SECOND
SO YOU'RE SAYING YOU MURDERED TWELVE PEOPLE FOR THIS!?
ARE YOU INSANE!?
I DID, IN FACT. WHAT CHOICE DID I HAVE? AFTER ALL, THAT'S THE PRESCRIBED METHOD.
I JUST FOLLOWED THE INSTRUC-TIONS.
...IT'S INHUMAN!!
BOTH YOU AND THAT WOMAN ...
...ARE DEMONS DISGUISED AS HUMANS!!
WHAT ...
...DO YOU KNOW ...
...ABOUT THE YOUNG LADY!?
TWITCH
GRASH

WAAAAAA...
UHHH... HNN...
UU-UHH...
WAAAA...!
DASH
!!
MY LADY...
PLEASE, WAIT!!
PLEASE WAIT, DUKE AMOR!!

WHACK
AWAY FROM ME, SCUM!! IT IS NOT THE BUSINESS OF A LOWLY SERVANT!!


I DON'T UNDERSTAND!! DID YOU NOT PROCLAIM YOUR LOVE FOR THE YOUNG LADY!?
SO HOW CAN YOU HAVE CHOSEN ANOTHER WOMAN NOW!?


CRUNCH
CRUNCH

BUT SINCE YOU ARE SO CURIOUS, I'LL TELL YOU...

SCRATCH
SCRATCH
THAT ...

IT'S ABOUT MONEY!!
A MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN FROM A FAMILY WITHOUT FINANCIAL MEANS IS OF NO USE TO ME!!

THAT'S YOUR REASON ...!?
THAT'S WHEN IT HAPPENED.

A DEMONIC SERPENT WHISPERED TO ME!!
!!
AHHH FOOLISH HUMAN CHILD. DON'T YOU WANT IT? DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW?
SLITHER
THE TRICK OF TURNING HER HEART-BROKEN TEARS INTO THOSE OF JOY!!
...SUCH A THING CAN BE DONE!?
IF YOU WANT THE KNOWLEDGE, PICK IT UP. DO NOT FEAR DIVINE PUNISH-MENT...

HA HA ...
HA HA HA HA ...
SPLURT
...ARE A CHILD OF GOD.
AND NOW YOU TOO ...
YOU SEE, GOD HIMSELF TAUGHT ME THIS MAGNIF-ICENT METHOD!!
WHAT IS IMMORAL TO HUMANS IS NOTHING TO THE GODS!!
ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
HA!!

IF GOD SUGGESTS MURDER FOR WHATEVER REASON...
...THEN WE'RE TALKING A DEMON IN DISGUISE!!
SILENCE!!
IT'S OKAY
HE WON'T TALK LIKE THAT FOR MUCH LONGER
IT'S USE-LESS.
ONE SIP OF THIS AND YOU'LL BE MINE
OK!! I SWITCH PERMISSION FROM ICARUS TO MNEMOSYNE !!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN TO GIVE UP, DO YOU?
BEAT THEM TO IT...!

SO...
WELL ..
IT WOULD'VE GONE DIFFERENTLY IF YOUR FRIEND HAD BEEN A MONSTER WHO COULD STAND BY AS YOU WERE MURDERED.
DAMMIT.
!?
UNGH !!
...
YOU..?
?
RING
DON'T WORRY ...
OX WILL BE JOINING YOU SHORTLY.

NEVER LET A MAN DO A WOMAN'S JOB!!
CRUNCH
ピンチ!

CRASH
!?

SET!?
CRACK
!
TAP
スタ
I SEE.
U-UM, HIM!! THAT GUY!!
WHO'S THE EVE!?
HOW DARE YOU HARM THE YOUNG LADY!!?
SWISH
Y-YOU'RE THE ONE FROM LAST NIGHT!!
IVAN!!
TAP
LET ME BORROW SOME WISDOM!! AND MAKE IT EASY TO UNDER-STAND!!

RING
SHE'S FAST!!
I TRANSFER USE RIGHTS OF UNKNOWN NUMBER 58: BINDING OF THE GODDESS OF MEMORY, MNEMOSYNE FROM OX TO SET!!!
WHOOSH
LEFT, RIGHT, AND DOWN! AN IMPACT DELIVERED AT THESE THREE POINTS SIMULTANEOUSLY—WITH THE SAME FORCE, AT THE SAME VIBRATION—WILL MAKE THE WISDOM IN THE MIDDLE...
CRACK
...BE PHYSICALLY EJECTED FROM THE BRAIN!!!
FWAP
UNKNOWN NUMBER 25 SMILE OF THE GOD OF CHARM, EROS..

...IS MINE!!
GOOD GRIEF...
YOU'RE ALL PATHETIC!!

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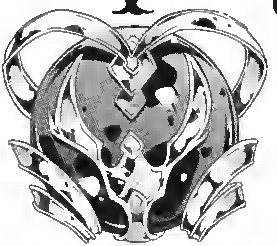

UNKNOWN

FWUMP
GOOD GRIEF...
I SWEAR ...
...YOU'RE ALL...
... PATHETIC!!
RING

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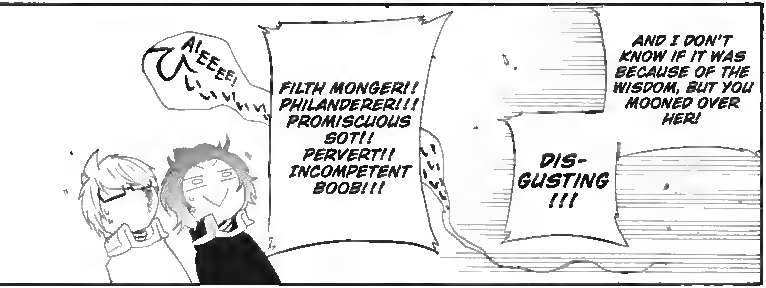
HUH?
WHERE AM I?
WHAT AM I DOING?
SET!!
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!?
AS YOU CAN SEE!
TAP
I MEAN, THE DIRECTOR SAID HE LOST CONTACT WITH YOU GUYS!
I-IT'S THAT IDIOT'S FAULT..
IDIOT? NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, WHAT HAPPENED TO NOAH?
HMPH!
I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT JERK!!
DON'T ASK ME!
YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR PARTNER? OH, COME ON...
PARTNER!? THAT'S NOT EVEN FUNNY!!
MM?
UNGH

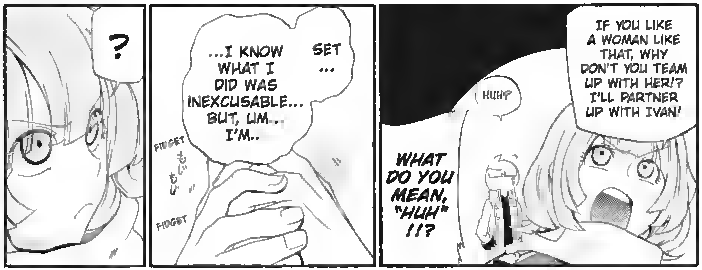
OWWW...
SLIME
HUH...?
WHERE AM I?
WHAT!? NOAH!!?
HEY!!
HUH? OX-KUN AND IVAN-KUN WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING HERE?
THAT'S MY LINE!! WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU DOING!?
GASP
...AM I OKAY? OF COURSE...
SQUEEZE
SET!!
I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION BUT ARE YOU OKAY?
WHAT WAS I...? WE CAME HERE FOR THE WISDOM... HUH? THE REST IS A BLUR...
WELL, I CAN PRETTY MUCH IMAGINE...
MY CHIN IS KILLING ME

CRACK
URK!
...I'M NOT OKAY !!!
...I SEE...
FWISH
PLEASE...

WELL, IT'S NOT REALLY HIS FAULT.
.....
...FORGIVE ME!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...
HUH? AH, SORRY
I SEE YOU'RE NOT GETTING ANY SHORTER.
HEY THERE'S NO NEED TO SLOUCH ON MY ACCOUNT!!
LOOM
...WHICH JUST ADDED TO YOUR WORK-LOAD.
RUSTLE
I FELL PREY TO THE ENEMY'S WISDOM ...
CHUCK
THAT ASIDE...
I'M, UM... TRULY GRATEFUL TO YOU.

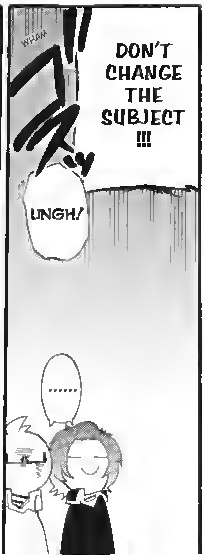
YOU LET THAT VULGAR WOMAN TRICK YOU!
THUD
ON TOP OF GETTING CAPTURED LIKE AN AMATEUR, YOU BECAME HER SLAVE!!
THUD
AH OF COURSE I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU TOO, SET...
NOT THAT!!!
...NOAH!! I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SAY TO ME!


AND I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE WISDOM, BUT YOU MOONED OVER HER!
DIS-GUSTING!!!
FILTH MONGER!! PHILANDERER!!! PROMISCUOUS SOT!! PERVERT!! INCOMPETENT BOOB!!!
AIEEEE!

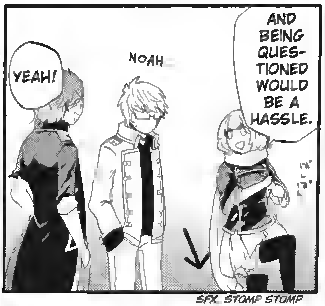

IF YOU LIKE A WOMAN LIKE THAT, WHY DON'T YOU TEAM UP WITH HER!? I'LL PARTNER UP WITH IVAN!
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "HUH" !!?
SET...
...I KNOW WHAT I DID WAS INEXCUSABLE... BUT, UM... I'M..
FIDGET
FIDGET
?

HUH?
...JUST HAPPY YOU'RE SAFE.

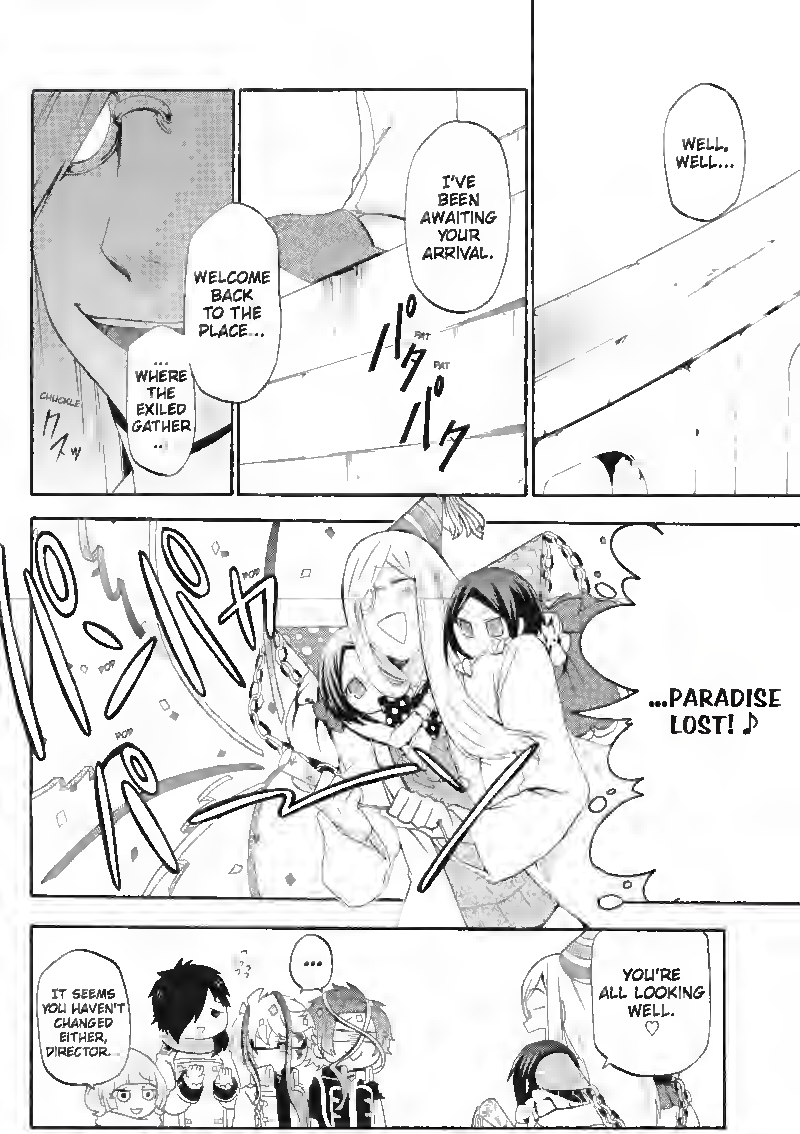
BUZZ
BUZZ
THE POLICE WILL BE HERE SOON.
...I THINK WE'D BETTER GET GOING.
WELL ...


DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT !!!
LNGH!
.....

THEN
...SHALL WE GO?
RUSTLE

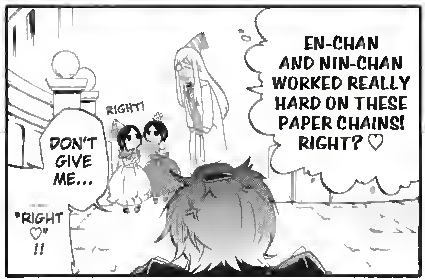

NOAH
YEAH!
AND BEING QUES-TIONED WOULD BE A HASSLE.
SFX: STOMP STOMP

WE'RE HEADING ...
...TO PARADISE LOST!!


WELL. WELL...
I'VE BEEN AWAITING YOUR ARRIVAL.
PAT
PAT
WELCOME BACK TO THE PLACE...
... WHERE THE EXILED GATHER...
CHUCKLE
...PARADISE LOST! ♪
POP
POP
POP
YOU'RE ALL LOOKING WELL. ♡
...
IT SEEMS YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED EITHER, DIRECTOR.

WHEN YOU SAID YOU WERE BUSY, DON'T TELL ME IT WAS BECAUSE YOU WERE PREPARING THIS CRAP!!?
'COS WE WERE PUT THROUGH THE WRINGER THERE!!
WHA...!? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "THIS CRAP"!?

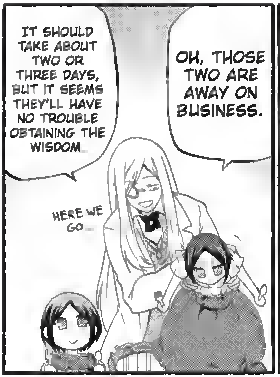
THIS ISN'T ALL.
WE'VE PREPARED MORE
RUSTLE


EN-CHAN AND NIN-CHAN WORKED REALLY HARD ON THESE PAPER CHAINS! RIGHT? ♡
RIGHT!
DON'T GIVE ME...
"RIGHT ♡" !!

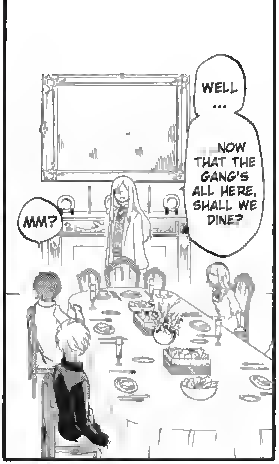
SO COME INSIDE!!
WARM SOUP AND A FIREPLACE AWAIT!

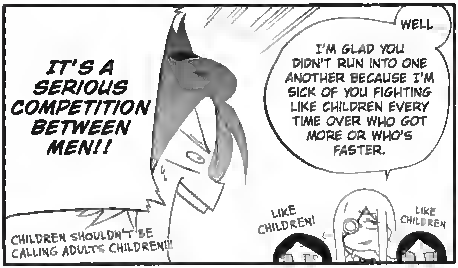
WELL, IT'S STOPPED BLEEDING ANYWAY.
OH!
HOW'S YOUR HEAD, IVAN?
THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.

EN MADE THAT!
NIN STIRRED IT!
THAT'S WONDERFUL! I CAN'T WAIT TO HAVE SOME!


IT SHOULD TAKE ABOUT TWO OR THREE DAYS, BUT IT SEEMS THEY'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE OBTAINING THE WISDOM.
OH, THOSE TWO ARE AWAY ON BUSINESS.
HERE WE GO...

THE GANG...
WHAT ABOUT CAIN AND ABEL?


WELL...
NOW THAT THE GANG'S ALL HERE, SHALL WE DINE?
MM?


IT'S A SERIOUS COMPETITION BETWEEN MEN!!
CHILDREN SHOULDN'T BE CALLING ADULTS CHILDREN!!!
WELL...
I'M GLAD YOU DIDN'T RUN INTO ONE ANOTHER BECAUSE I'M SICK OF YOU FIGHTING LIKE CHILDREN EVERY TIME OVER WHO GOT MORE OR WHO'S FASTER.
LIKE CHILDREN!
LIKE CHILDREN

THEN WE MUST HAVE JUST MISSED THEM... THAT'S TOO BAD...

CLINK
...LET'S DIG IN!

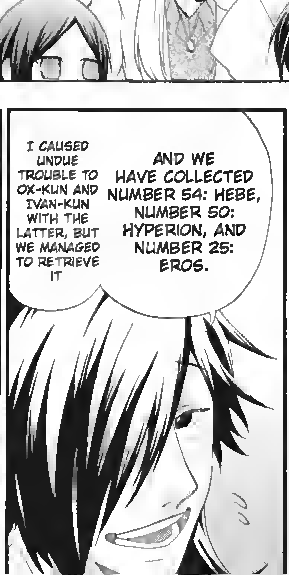
...BUT FIRST...

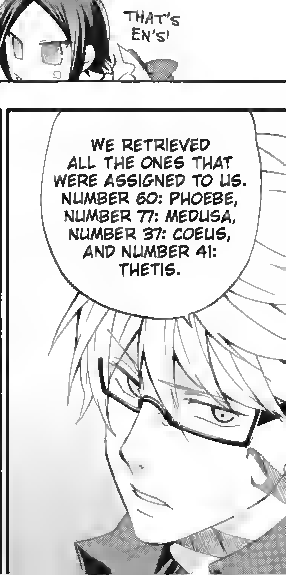
LOOK AT ME, VERBALLY JOUSTING WITH A CHILD AS THE MEAL GETS COLD
WE CAN TALK AT OUR LEISURE...

I'M SURE YOU HAD PLENTY OF TABLE SCRAPS WHILE OGLING THAT WOMAN!
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE'VE EATEN AT A PROPER DINING TABLE TOO!
.....
EVEN THOUGH ALL YOU EVER DO IS EAT?
MMM!! FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN FOREVER SINCE I'VE HAD A DECENT MEAL!!!

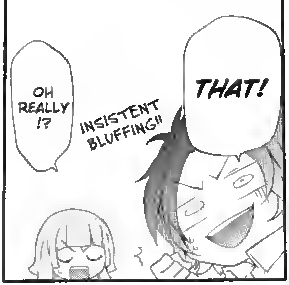
AND IT SEEMS YOU'VE SAFELY GATHERED WISDOM
I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT YOU CAN STILL ENJOY YOURSELVES EVEN AFTER EVERYTHING YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH
NIN GOT IT FIRST!
HEH HEH.
THAT'S EN'S!

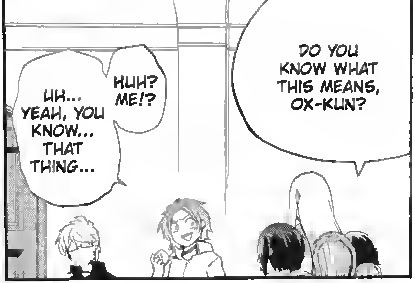
I AM PROUD OF YOU
AND SO...

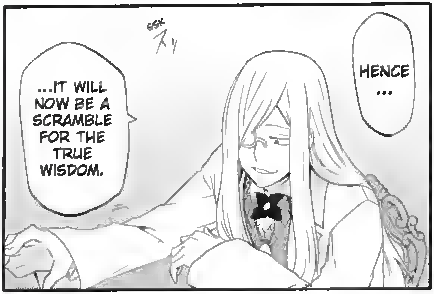

I CAUSED UNDUE TROUBLE TO OX-KUN AND IVAN-KUN WITH THE LATTER, BUT WE MANAGED TO RETRIEVE IT
AND WE HAVE COLLECTED NUMBER 54: HEBE, NUMBER 50: HYPERION, AND NUMBER 25: EROS.


WE RETRIEVED ALL THE ONES THAT WERE ASSIGNED TO US. NUMBER 60: PHOEBE, NUMBER 77: MEDUSA, NUMBER 37: COEUS, AND NUMBER 41: THETIS.

...THE TIME HAS COME TO MAKE AN ENEMY OF THE WORLD.
WITH THE WISDOM YOU HAVE GATHERED ...
...AS WELL AS THE WISDOM I EXPECT CAIN AND ABEL TO RETURN WITH...
...THAT WHICH WAS SCATTERED IS ALL BUT IN OUR POSSESSION.


OH REALLY!?
INSISTENT BLUFFING!!
THAT!

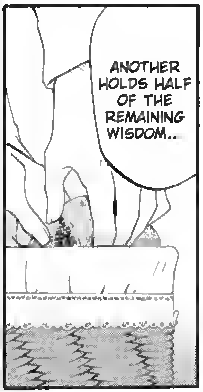

UH... YEAH, YOU KNOW... THAT THING...
HUH? ME!?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS, OX-KUN?

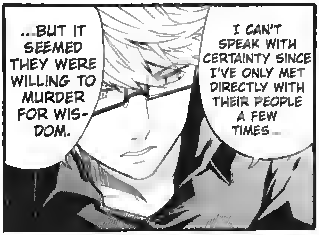

...IT WILL NOW BE A SCRAMBLE FOR THE TRUE WISDOM.
HENCE...

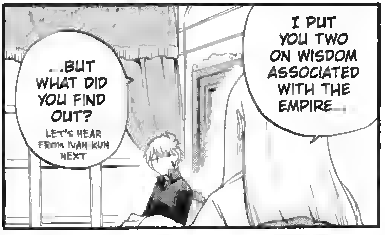
CORRECT.
WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT WE TOOK OUT ALL THE SMALL-FRY, RIGHT!?

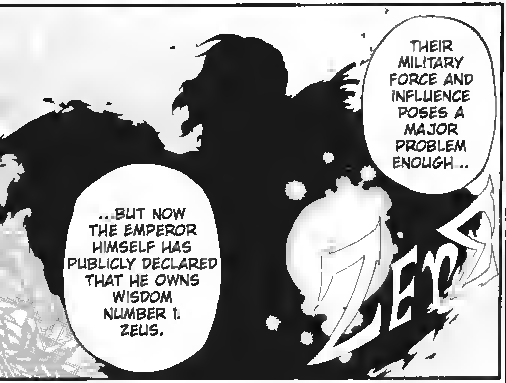
...IS CURRENTLY POSSESSED BY THREE MAJOR POWERS.
MOST OF THE WISDOM IN THIS WORLD...
I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU THAT WE, PARADISE LOST, ARE ONE OF THEM.

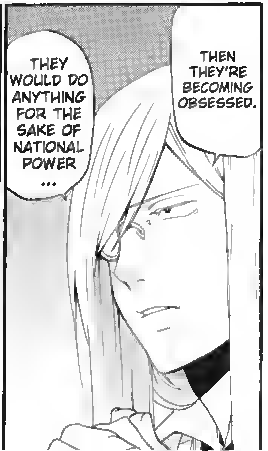
THE IBLIS EMPIRE.


ANOTHER HOLDS HALF OF THE REMAINING WISDOM..

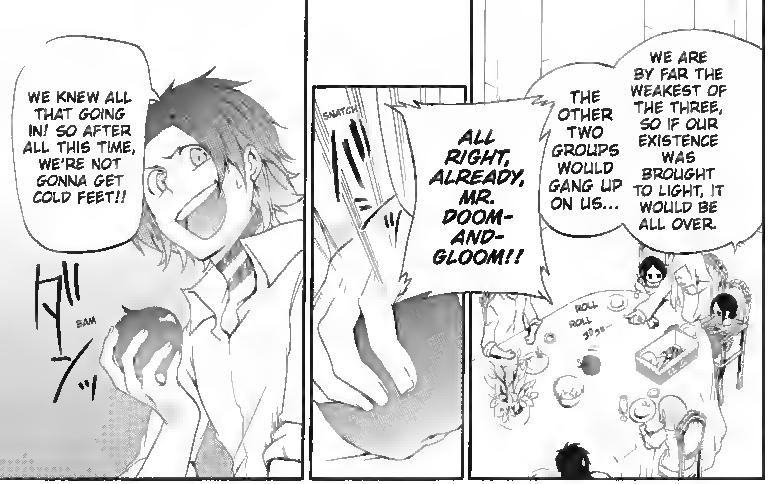

...BUT IT SEEMED THEY WERE WILLING TO MURDER FOR WISDOM.
I CAN'T SPEAK WITH CERTAINTY SINCE I'VE ONLY MET DIRECTLY WITH THEIR PEOPLE A FEW TIMES...

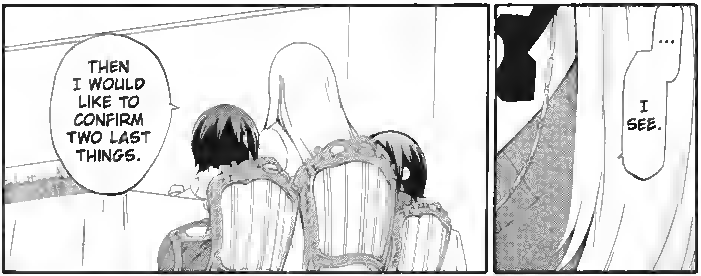

...BUT WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT?
LET'S HEAR FROM IVAN KUN NEXT
I PUT YOU TWO ON WISDOM ASSOCIATED WITH THE EMPIRE.


THEIR MILITARY FORCE AND INFLUENCE POSES A MAJOR PROBLEM ENOUGH ..
...BUT NOW THE EMPEROR HIMSELF HAS PUBLICLY DECLARED THAT HE OWNS WISDOM NUMBER 1. ZEUS.
ZEUS


THEN THEY'RE BECOMING OBSESSED.
THEY WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR THE SAKE OF NATIONAL POWER ...

AND THE FINAL GROUP ...
...IS THE CHURCH, ELYSION.
THE CHURCH ISN'T VIOLENT LIKE IBLIS...
...BUT THERE'S LIKE SILENT PRESSURE, OR DOGMATIC BELIEF, THAT WISDOM SHOULD ONLY BE POSSESSED BY THEIR POPE.
!
HOW DID YOU FARE WITH THEM, SET-CHAN?
THEY VENERATE THE UNKNOWN, SO THAT COMES AS NO SURPRISE. AND YET...
WELL, THAT ABOUT SUMS IT UP.
IN SHORT...
...THERE ARE THREE FORCES.


WE KNEW ALL THAT GOING IN! SO AFTER ALL THIS TIME, WE'RE NOT GONNA GET COLD FEET!!
SMACK!
ALL RIGHT, ALREADY, MR. DOOM-AND-GLOOM!!
THE OTHER TWO GROUPS WOULD GANG UP ON US...
WE ARE BY FAR THE WEAKEST OF THE THREE, SO IF OUR EXISTENCE WAS BROUGHT TO LIGHT, IT WOULD BE ALL OVER.
ROLL ROLL

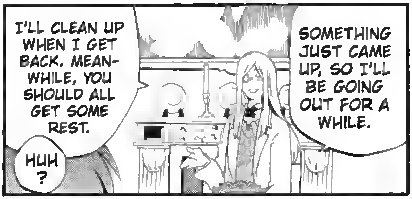

THEN I WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM TWO LAST THINGS.
...
I SEE.

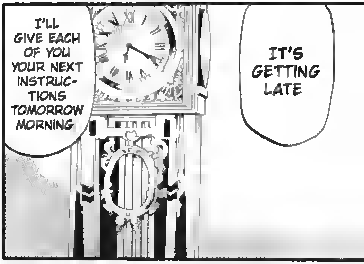
OUR GOAL HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO OBLITERATE THE WISDOM.
AND SECONDLY... OUR ACTIVITIES...

...ARE NOT ALWAYS GOING TO BE JUST.
EVEN SO, ARE YOU PREPARED ...
...TO SEE IT THROUGH?
HA..

YOU BET YOUR ASS!!
SAME HERE!!
NOBODY'S GONNA BE A HERO HERE!! YOU KNOW THAT AS WELL AS WE DO!!
WE'VE LONG BEEN PREPARED!! THERE'S NO NEED TO EVEN ASK THIS LATE IN THE GAME!!!
...
WELL, I THOUGHT THAT'S WHAT YOU WOULD ALL SAY.
SO...
...TO US, COMRADES WITH THE SAME GOAL, EVEN IF OUR MOTIVES ARE DIFFERENT ...

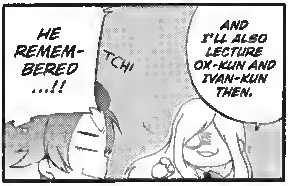
A TOAST.


I'LL CLEAN UP WHEN I GET BACK. MEAN-WHILE, YOU SHOULD ALL GET SOME REST.
HUH?
SOMETHING JUST CAME UP, SO I'LL BE GOING OUT FOR A WHILE.


I'LL GIVE EACH OF YOU YOUR NEXT INSTRUC-TIONS TOMORROW MORNING
IT'S GETTING LATE

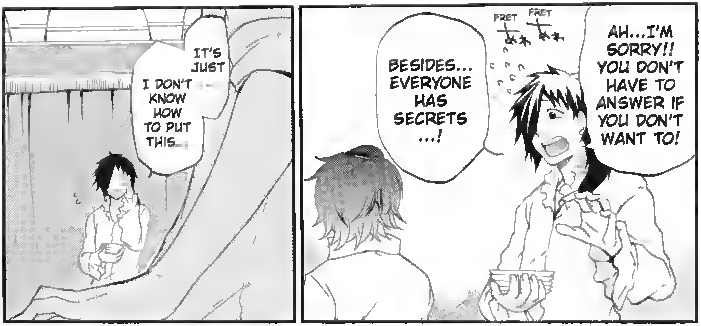
MY FRIENDS
...THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND OFFER.

YES, THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS CLEAN UP...
THAT'S OKAY DIRECTOR. I'M SURE YOU'LL BE BUSY ENOUGH COMING UP WITH STRATEGIES MY TOMORROW


HE REMEM-BERED ...!!
TCHI
AND I'LL ALSO LECTURE OX-KUN AND IVAN-KUN THEN.

THAT'S WHAT CAME UP!!?
GET BACK HERE!!
BATH TIME!
SWISH
COME ON, EN-CHAN AND NIN-CHAN! IT'S BATH TIME!
CALM DOWN!
THERE'S NO HARM IN CLEANING UP AFTER OURSELVES.
I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS, YOU MONOCLED PERVERT...!!
WIPE
DAMMIT!
I KNOW, BUT STILL...
BY THE WAY, OX-KUN...
MM?

UM...DOES THAT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOUR DESIRE TO GET RID OF WISDOM?
EARLIER YOU SAID SOMETHING LIKE "NOBODY'S GOING TO BECOME A HERO HERE".
HUH...?
OH. THAT WAS...
SQUEE
UH...


IT'S JUST I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PUT THIS...
FRET
FRET
BESIDES... EVERYONE HAS SECRETS ...!
AH...I'M SORRY!! YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER IF YOU DON'T WANT TO!

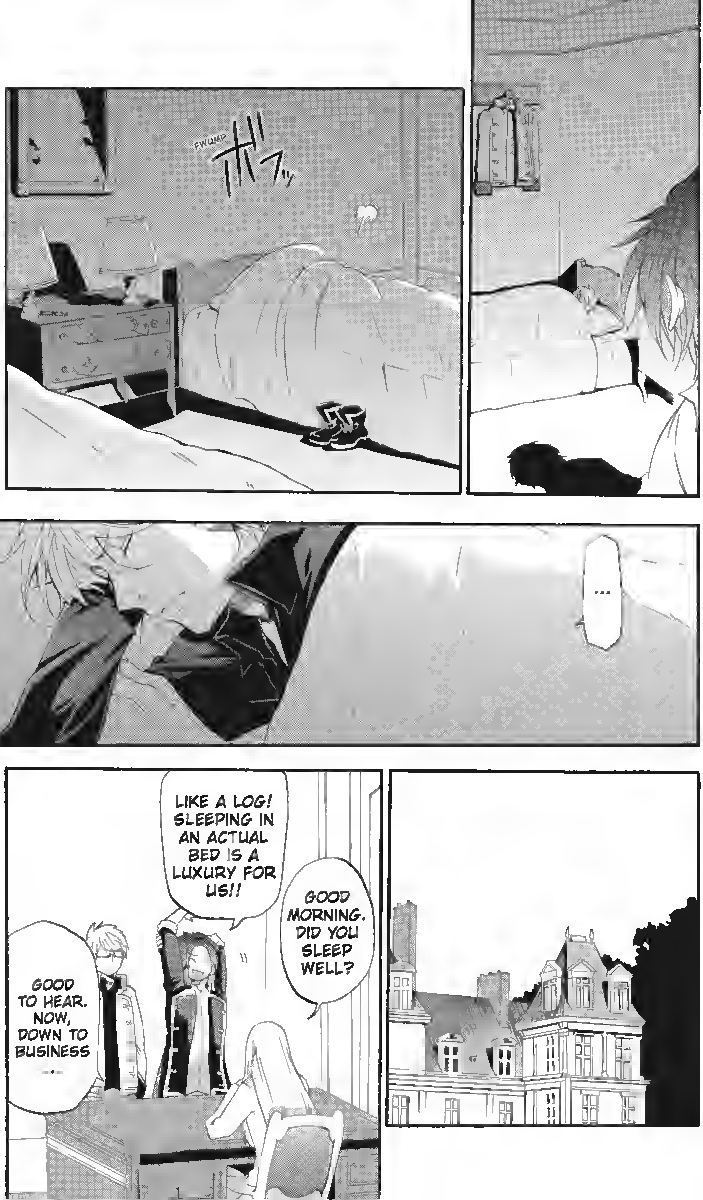
...LIKE YOU REALLY
IT SOUNDED ...TO ME...

...WANTED TO BECOME A HERO.
YOU USUALLY DON'T LOOK AT NORMAL TEXTBOOKS, SO IT WAS OBVIOUS!!
READING THIS DURING CLASS!!
YOU AGAIN!!!
DASH
CLANG
CLANG
YOU REALLY LIKE YOUR HEROES, DON'T YOU?
"HEROIC CHRONICLES"...

ALL THREE OF YOU!!
CHUCKLE
フッ…
NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE SAYS, MY DREAM FOR THE FUTURE IS TO BECOME A WORLD HERO!
IF YOU'RE IN, I'M IN.
ME TOO...
H...
THAT GUY... ALREADY...

NO... NO!
WHY DID THIS HAPPEN ...!?
IVAN...? HEY... IVAN...
IVAA-AAAN!
THAT'S RIGHT! I BET HE'S GOT WISDOM!
STAY STILL!
WHY...!? WHAT THE HECK!?
RATTLE

FWISH
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
A DREAM. RIGHT? WITH ALL KINDS OF THINGS MIXED TOGETHER
ALL BAD THINGS, AS USUAL..
DRIP
!
A TEAR?
NO, SWEAT... I DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY TO CRY ANYMORE.


FWUMP
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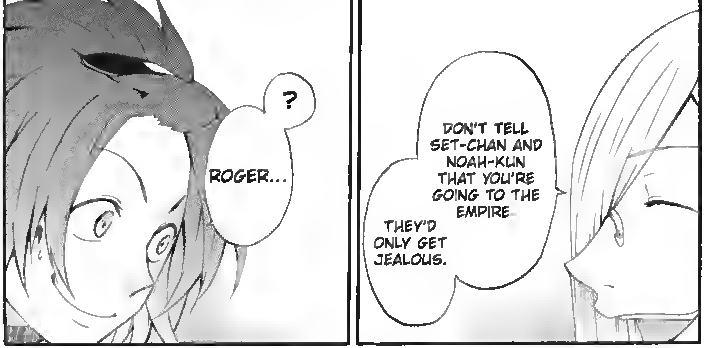
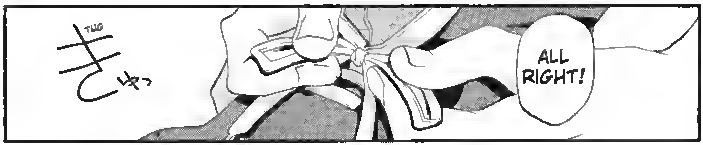
...
LIKE A LOG! SLEEPING IN AN ACTUAL BED IS A LUXURY FOR US!!
GOOD MORNING. DID YOU SLEEP WELL?
GOOD TO HEAR. NOW, DOWN TO BUSINESS

YOU TWO ARE GOING TO SCOUT OUT IBLIS.
SCOUT ?
THAT'S RIGHT. I JUST WANT YOU TO GET A FEEL FOR THE TOWN AROUND THE CASTLE.
WHAT!?
IT SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE GOING ON A FIELD TRIP!!
I UNDERSTAND YOUR IMPATIENCE, BUT WE MUST PROCEED WITH CAUTION.
WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T GET IT INTO YOUR HEADS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO STEAL WISDOM AND COME HOME.
IS THAT CLEAR?
IVAN-KUN, NOW MORE THAN EVER, YOU NEED TO KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR PARTNER.
RIGHT ...
OH. THERE'S ONE MORE THING.
WHAT NOW!?
OX-KUN, YOU ARE TO FOLLOW THE MISSION PARAMETERS AND NOT STAND OUT!!
TO ENSURE THIS, I'LL BE WHISPERING IN YOUR EAR WHILE YOU'RE TRAVELING ...
NOT NECESSARY !!!


ROGER...
?
DON'T TELL SET-CHAN AND NOAH-KUN THAT YOU'RE GOING TO THE EMPIRE
THEY'D ONLY GET JEALOUS.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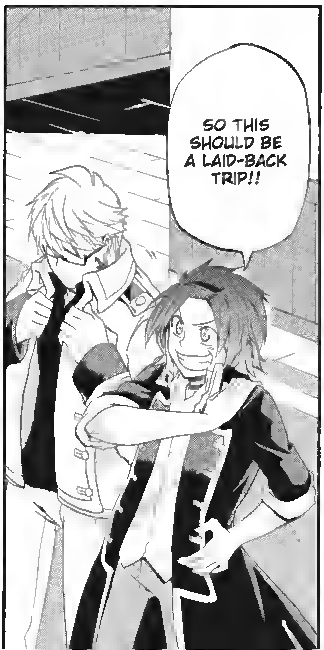
ALL RIGHT!

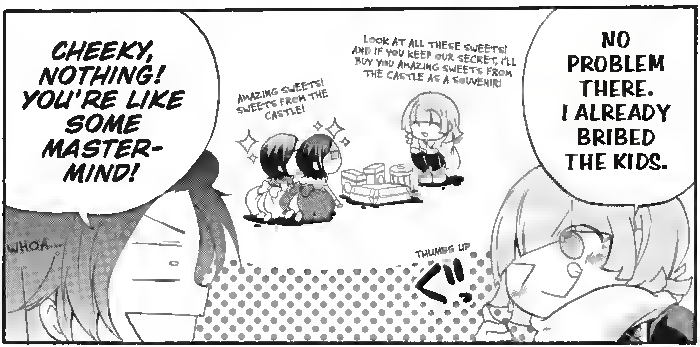
"LAID-BACK"? YOU—

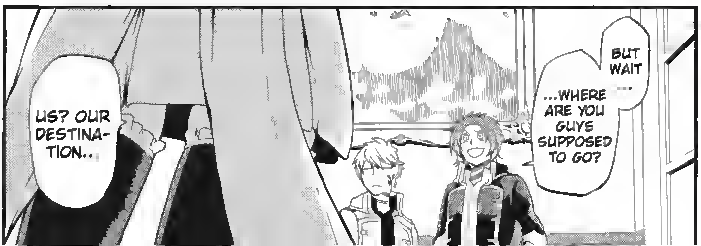

SO THIS SHOULD BE A LAID-BACK TRIP!!

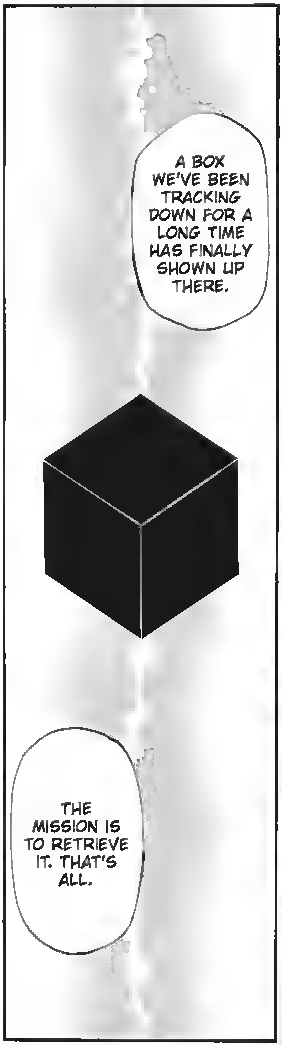
OH!! ARE YOU GUYS LEAVING NOW TOO?
THAT'S RIGHT!
OH, AND I HEARD!
?

WOW, THAT "SECRET" DIDN'T EVEN LAST A PAGE.
POINT
YOU'RE GOING TO IBLIS!
...WHAT IF WE SECRETLY TRADE DESTINATIONS?
HUH!?
SO LISTEN...
PRETTY CHEEKY, SET.
I THOUGHT IT WAS WEIRD WHEN THE DIRECTOR SAID HE'D GIVE US OUR INSTRUCTIONS SEPARATELY...
...SO I'M GLAD I HAD MY EAR TO THE DOOR!
ALSO, I'VE BEEN THINKING...
YOU GUYS GET TO GO SIGHTSEEING IN THE CAPITAL CITY. WHILE WE'RE STILL STUCK IN THE BOONIES!!
AFTER ALL, IT'S NOT FAIR!
SHE'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS
I FEEL BAD FOR YOU...
H-HEY, SET...
IF YOU'VE GOT ANY COMPLAINTS, SAY IT IN THIRTY WORDS OR LESS. READY, 3-2-1
NO COMPLAINTS

...THE WHOLE LAUGHING BERSERKER THING ASIDE, YOU TWO DO TEND TO STAND OUT.
ISN'T IT STRANGE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO THE EMPIRE?
YES, THAT DID CROSS MY MIND.
STILL, AS LONG AS THOSE TWINS ARE AROUND, WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT THE DIRECTOR'S PERMISSION.
HE WOULD NOTICE IT RIGHT AWAY WITH THAT DETECTION ABILITY.


NO PROBLEM THERE. I ALREADY BRIBED THE KIDS.
LOOK AT ALL THESE SWEETS! AND IF YOU KEEP OUR SECRET, I'LL BUY YOU AMAZING SWEETS FROM THE CASTLE AS A SOUVENIR!
AMAZING SWEETS! SWEETS FROM THE CASTLE!
THUMBS UP
CHEEKY, NOTHING! YOU'RE LIKE SOME MASTER-MIND!
WHOA...


BUT WAIT...
...WHERE ARE YOU GUYS SUPPOSED TO GO?
US? OUR DESTINA-TION...


A BOX WE'VE BEEN TRACKING DOWN FOR A LONG TIME HAS FINALLY SHOWN UP THERE.
THE MISSION IS TO RETRIEVE IT. THAT'S ALL.

...IS THE FOOT OF MOUNT BERNSTEIN.

"I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE DETAILS AFTER YOU OBTAIN IT"...
...IS WHAT HE SAID, SO I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT IT MYSELF.
BUT... IT SOUNDED KIND OF IMPORTANT, DIDN'T IT?
I GET IT!!
OX?
OF COURSE!
THIS IS WHY THE DIRECTOR TOLD US SEPARATELY!
ALL RIGHT, YOU'RE ON!! WE'LL TAKE THE MOUNTAIN!
REALLY!? THANKS A LOT!!
HEY, OX!
AW, WHAT'S THE HARM?
GRIN
IF THE IDEA IS WE SHOULDN'T STAND OUT, IT'S A LOT EASIER AT A MOUNTAIN, RIGHT?
...

THEN JUST REMEMBER, SET. YOU'RE ONLY THERE TO OBSERVE.
I KNOW, I KNOW! I APPRECIATE YOU GUYS GOING ALONG WITH THIS, SO I PROMISE!
IF SHE THREATENS TO GET OUT OF HAND, I'LL STOP HER...!
SPARKLE
キリ。✧
IN YOUR DREAMS...
ALL RIGHT THEN, AS I WAS SAYING...
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YEAH!!
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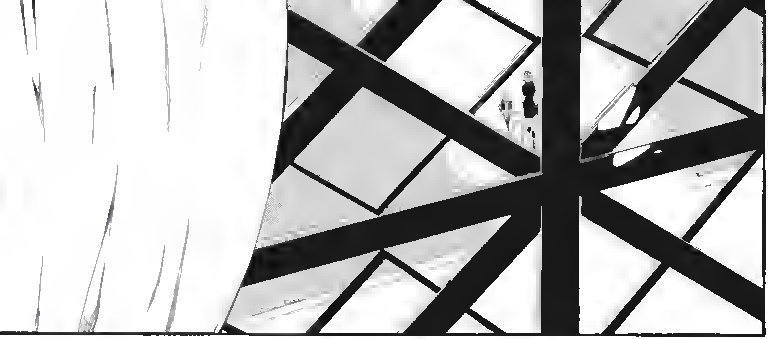
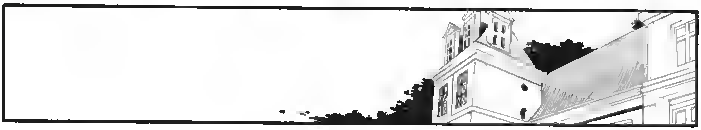
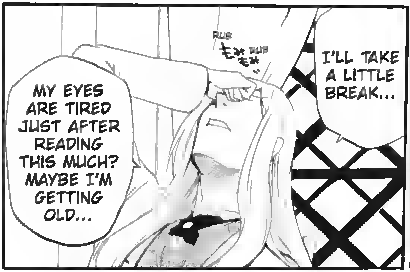
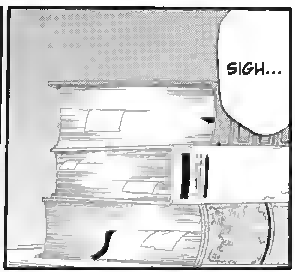
SHALL WE GO!?



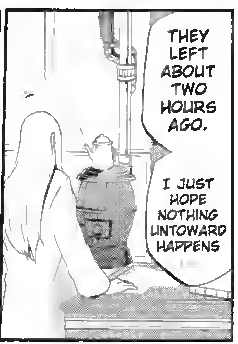



RUB
RUB
I'LL TAKE A LITTLE BREAK...
MY EYES ARE TIRED JUST AFTER READING THIS MUCH? MAYBE I'M GETTING OLD...


SIGH...

...ANYWAY, I WONDER ...
SLURP

SUPPOSE I'LL CONTACT THEM LATER.
SLUR


THEY LEFT ABOUT TWO HOURS AGO.
I JUST HOPE NOTHING UNTOWARD HAPPENS

...WHETHER WE HAVE THE SKILLS NEEDED...
...TO WIN THIS BLOODY STRUGGLE.
WELL.
RUSTLE
WE WILL WIN IN THE END...
...NO MATTER WHAT'S LOST ALONG THE WAY.
...FOR THAT SAKE, I'LL DO ANYTHING ...
SLAP
AND...
FWIP

...TO OBTAIN THE BEGINNING OF EVERY-THING!!
LOOK AT ME GETTING ALL FIRED UP WHEN I'M ALONE.
THAT'S WHAT I HATE ABOUT BEING COOPED UP. I ALWAYS TALK TO MYSELF MORE.
HEE-HEE!♡
ABOUT TIME FOR ME TO CHECK IN WITH CAIN AND ABEL...
I WONDER IF EN-CHAN AND NIN-CHAN ARE UP.
RUSTLE
SLEEP-ING FACE PEEK!!
WHAT'S THIS?
YOU'RE USUALLY NOT UP THIS EARLY...

もっもっ
CHEW!
STICKY
ベっとり
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I DON'T KNOW!!
IT ISN'T GOOD TO HIDE THINGS! WHO GAVE THAT TO YOU!?
IT'S A SECRET !!
I KNEW IT!! YOU'RE HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME!!
WHERE DID YOU GET THAT?
I DON'T KNOW!
I DON'T KNOW!
OF COURSE YOU KNOW! NOW COME OUT

WAAAAA!
WAAAAA!

Y-YOU'RE REALLY... NOT MAD?
REALLY AND TRULY. I'M SMILING, SEE? ♪
IT'S MY FAULT! I'M NOT MAD ANYMORE, SO PLEASE STOP CRYING!
WAAAA
OH, DON'T CRY! I'M SORRY!
AAAA!
SWEETS FROM THE CASTLE!! AMAZING SWEETS!!
DON'T I GIVE YOU SWEETS!?
IF WE TELL YOU, WE WON'T GET SWEETS FOR A SOUVENIR...
WHA...!? THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE PROMISED!?
WAAAA!
WHY ARE YOU STILL CRYING!?
GRIN
SO WILL YOU TALK TO ME?
OH, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD...
THOSE KIDS...

TO BE CONTINUED IN UNKNOWN ❷

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UNKNOWN

AFTERWORD
THANK YOU FOR BUYING VOLUME 1 OF UNKNOWN!!
NICE TO MEET YOU!
EEEYAAAH!!
CRASH
WHO CARES ABOUT THAT CRAP!!?
THIS IS GOING TO SOUND CLICHED BUT THE CHARACTER BACKSTORIES AND THE
I'VE DREAMED OF DOING AN AFTER-WORD!!
BECAUSE HE'S TOO DAMN POPULAR!!
FLASH
WHY, YOU ASK ...?
WHY THAT OF ALL THINGS!?
I'M GONNA USE THIS BONUS MANGA TO FLOAT THE IDEA THAT IVAN MAY BE A PERVERT!!
RAM
TOPIC PERVERTED IVAN

NO, THAT'S NOT ALL!!
LOOK AT THIS !!!
WHAP
SOMEONE ONCE THOUGHT IVAN WAS A STALKER ISN'T THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT ON HIM?
OH YEAH I KNOW PEOPLE LIKE YOU WHO TRY TO LIFT THEMSELVES UP BY BRINGING OTHER PEOPLE DOWN
YOU'RE AN A-HOLE!
WHEN YOU HAVE TWO PROTAGONISTS LIKE THIS PEOPLE ALWAYS COMPARE THEM... SO THIS WAY I CAN REDUCE THE DISPARITY BETWEEN US A LITTLE
CHAPTER 4
AND HERE TOO!!
HE'S TOTALLY CHECKING OUT YOUR PANTIES !!!
HUH? YOU'RE SUCH A BIG LIAR!!! THERE'S NO WAY!! HE CAN'T SEE THEM!!!
↑ MY FRIEND JEERED AT ME WHEN THIS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE MAGAZINE
CHAPTER 2
I WAS SLEEPING, SO I DIDN'T SEE IT...
...BUT LOOK AT THIS FACE!!
THAT ISN'T THE FACE OF SOMEONE LOOKING AT WISDOM! IT'S THE LUSTY GAZE OF A GUY LOOKING AT A WOMAN!!!
SWISH
IN SHORT, HE'S A LECHEROUS...
...BUT I BET YOU ANYTHING HE WAS SNEERING ON THE INSIDE THEN!!!
HEH-HEH...
HE CAN'T SMILE BECAUSE OF DIVINE PUNISHMENT, SO HE'S ALWAYS GOT THAT STUCK-UP LOOK...

THAT'S ENOUGH OUT OF YOU.
NICE THROW.
THUNK
URK!
...BY THE WAY, YOU COULDN'T SEE THEM COULD YOU?
TURN
I'M NOT GOING TO BREAK CHARACTER JUST BECAUSE THIS IS A BONUS MANGA
TCH!
IVAN DO A TRICK OR SOMETHING!
HEY NOW WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO? THANKS TO THIS THE IMPRESSION PEOPLE HAVE OF THIS MANGA IS PROBABLY DROPPING LIKE A ROCK
H-HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN...I-IN VOLUME 2!
UH... AH...
SIGH...
.....
LABEL GLUE

PEACEFUL FACES IN
THEIR OWN FASHION

Special Thanks!

TAKAHASHI-SAN

OIKAWA-SAN

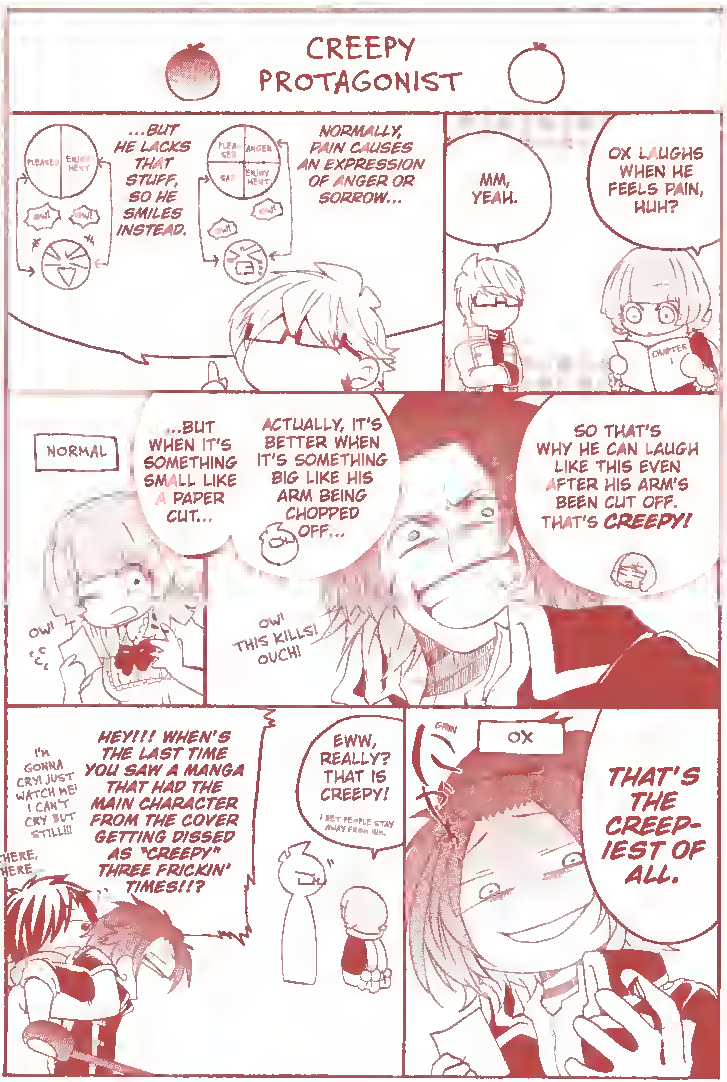
NARUMI-CHAN

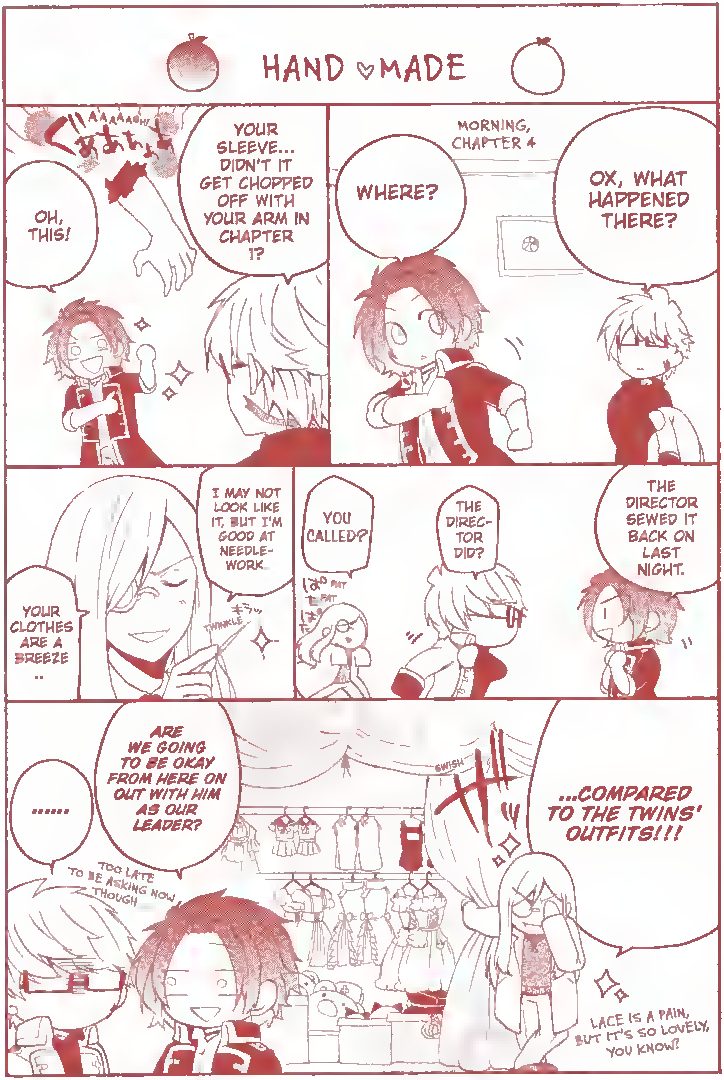
HAKKA-SAN

NOZAKI-SAN!

HARLEKIN YUKKO

MEGUSAN SAKKO


CREEPY PROTAGONIST
PLEASED
ENJOYMENT
SAD
ANGER
...BUT HE LACKS THAT STUFF, SO HE SMILES INSTEAD.
NORMALLY, PAIN CAUSES AN EXPRESSION OF ANGER OR SORROW...
MM, YEAH.
OX LAUGHS WHEN HE FEELS PAIN, HUH?
CHAPTER 1
NORMAL
...BUT WHEN IT'S SOMETHING SMALL LIKE A PAPER CUT...
OW! ;C
ACTUALLY, IT'S BETTER WHEN IT'S SOMETHING BIG LIKE HIS ARM BEING CHOPPED OFF...
OW! THIS KILLS! OUCH!
SO THAT'S WHY HE CAN LAUGH LIKE THIS EVEN AFTER HIS ARM'S BEEN CUT OFF. THAT'S CREEPY!
I'M GONNA CRY. JUST WATCH ME! I CAN'T CRY BUT STILL!!!
THERE, THERE.
HEY!!! WHEN'S THE LAST TIME YOU SAW A MANGA THAT HAD THE MAIN CHARACTER FROM THE COVER GETTING DISSED AS "CREEPY" THREE FRICKIN' TIMES!!?
EWW, REALLY? THAT IS CREEPY!
I BET PEOPLE STAY AWAY FROM HIM.
GRIN
OX
THAT'S THE CREEP-IEST OF ALL.


HAND ♡ MADE
Eeeeeeeeh!
OH, THIS!
YOUR SLEEVE... DIDN'T IT GET CHOPPED OFF WITH YOUR ARM IN CHAPTER 1?
MORNING, CHAPTER 4
WHERE?
OX, WHAT HAPPENED THERE?
I MAY NOT LOOK LIKE IT, BUT I'M GOOD AT NEEDLE-WORK.
YOUR CLOTHES ARE A BREEZE..
TWINKLE
YOU CALLED?
PAT PAT
THE DIREC-TOR DID?
THE DIRECTOR SEWED IT BACK ON LAST NIGHT.
.....
ARE WE GOING TO BE OKAY FROM HERE ON OUT WITH HIM AS OUR LEADER?
TOO LATE TO BE ASKING NOW, THOUGH
SWISH
...COMPARED TO THE TWINS' OUTFITS!!!
LACE IS A PAIN, BUT IT'S SO LOVELY, YOU KNOW?

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